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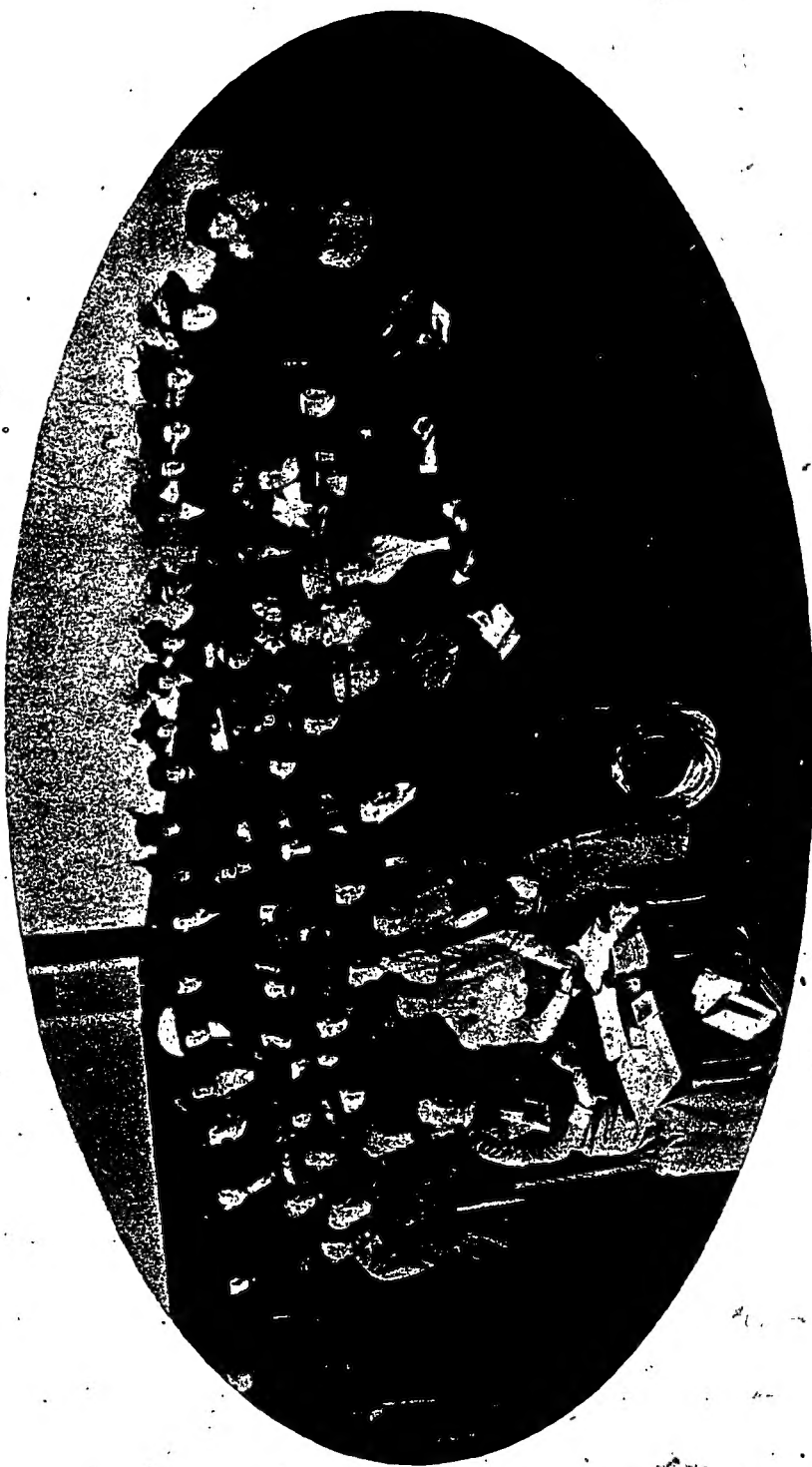


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"Home life is individualized patriotism, and it is only through having a home to love that the immigrant of any grade, whether he comes in a cattle boat or in a captain's deck suite, can be expected to yield real allegiance to an alien land. Therefore, every cult or culture that belittles the home and places it second to any other ambition is the sower of vanity, be it disguised ever so cleverly in all the garb of advanced thought."—*The Garden of a Commuter's Wife.*



THE FIRST HOMEMAKERS' CONVENTION

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FOREWORD

Walter C. Murray, President University of Saskatchewan.

After ten years of experiment there can be no question of the value of The Homemakers' Clubs. That they have grown in numbers and usefulness during the trying times of War, is evidence of their stability and of the great service they are rendering the communities in which they came into being. They represent the growing sentiment that women have a place and a duty to perform for the good of the community as well as the home. These clubs have never sought political objects, but have directed their efforts to forming public opinion and to directing and stimulating that opinion to support movements or proposals that look toward the betterment of social conditions. They have established Rest Rooms, given assistance to Relief Work, Red Cross Work, Educational ventures such as School Lunches, Child Welfare, Libraries, Instruction in Household Matters, in Health, no matter by whom this work is being carried on. They are the great reserves backing up every good movement, every beneficial agency which work for Home and Country. They are not unmindful of the fact that life is more than meat, that more than material comforts are necessary for happiness. The social features of the Homemakers' Clubs bring hope and happiness into the lives of many who would otherwise be left to fight their battles alone. Human sympathy, love and companionship often mean more than material comforts.

Kindliness, helpfulness, sympathy and appreciation become, through the Homemakers, unfailing sources of happiness and usefulness.

An Acrostic

(After the Hiawatha Stanza)

Home is home, where'er 'tis planted,
On Saskatchewan's sunny sections,
Mid the rush of rising cities,
Even by the lonely forest.
May we strive to make it blessed,
Adding to our sum of knowledge,
Keeping all our best traditions,
Ever reaching onward, upward,
Resting not till all our women
Serve their country through the prairies.

Canada shall prize our efforts,
Love shall guide us, hope inspire us;
Union aye shall be our motto;
Brighter lives proclaim our progress,
Seal our service to the prairies.

ELIZABETH GOW CAMERON
Davidson H.M.C.

An Appreciation

W. J. Rutherford, Dean of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan.

The Homemakers' of Saskatchewan, since their organization ten years ago, have done much. They have created a greater interest in the making and maintaining of the home; in planting trees, shrubs, flowers, fruits and gardens; in making the community a better place to live in; in making the school and its surroundings a fitter place for the education of boys and girls, in school lunches, school and home nursing; in establishing home and community libraries; in the creation of a Saskatchewan spirit. They have contributed much to the well-being, not only of the communities in which they live—their influence has extended far afield. New communities not so blessed as theirs, so far as material things go, have benefitted from well packed boxes of books and clothing and from their purses as well. They have linked up in a very effective way nearly two hundred communities with the College of Agriculture and the University. They have sent many young men and young women to the University whose careers here have been marked by distinction, and whose influences have reflected credit upon the homes and the communities from which they came.

The decade just closed is full of achievement. Hopes run high for the one we are just entering. The motto of the Homemakers', like that of the University with which they are indissolubly linked, is Service for Home and Country. Making homes for boys and girls is their chief service. Attending to the education of these boys and girls is a duty which falls upon them. They will see to it that many more of the lads from the farms are given an opportunity to attend school and college and that their girls who will be the homemakers of the future will be given equal chances with those who live in the urban centres.

"The old farm home is mother's yet and mine;

And filled it is with plenty and to spare,

But we are lonely here in life's decline,

Though fortune smiles around us everywhere;

We look across the gold,

Of the harvests, as of old—

The wheat, the fragrant clover and the hay;

But most we turn our gaze

As with eyes of other days,

To the garden where the children used to play."



MISS A. DeLURY



MISS E. THOMPSON

The Homemakers' Clubs of Saskatchewan

Abbie DeLury, Director Homemakers' Clubs

In the Autumn of 1910, a torch was kindled in Saskatchewan. It was when the Homemakers' Club organization was initiated. The torch continues to burn and to shed its light more brightly all the time.

In the early days of its own organization, the University established as a part of its Extension Service, the Department of Women's Work, and the Homemakers' organization was the channel through which it strove to accomplish the end in view.

This organization has consistently and always aimed to preserve what is best in our traditions, and particularly those which have been preserved to us through our literature and our homes—traditions of honor and integrity, love of work, of tolerance, of kindness and hospitality, and all the other qualities embodied in the good old word "neighborliness." At the same time, this influence is minimizing the effects of the greatest enemies to national life and fine human development—bigotry and intolerance, greed and hate and injustice—in short, it has aimed to fulfil the spirit of Matthew Arnold's prophecy, that "if ever the world sees a time when women shall come together, purely and simply for the benefit and good of mankind, it will be such a power as the world has never known."

Initial organization was carried on with the assistance of Mrs. Lilian Beynon Thomas (Lilian Laurie). Mrs. Thomas will always be remembered gratefully by the women of Saskatchewan for her efforts to secure opportunities for them. She kept up active interest in the Homemakers' work until her departure from the West to take up new duties elsewhere, made it impossible. Always a beloved visitor at the Conventions, it took some time to become even partially reconciled to her absence.

Mrs. Mary Mantle Napier was also early associated with the organization, and many flourishing clubs still testify to her powers of organization. She has always remained one of its best and most interested friends. Each year her presence at the Convention is eagerly looked for—sometimes there is disappointment, but we hope to have her with us from time to time.

Mrs. Fyfe, of the Bladworth Club, was an interested and enthusiastic worker from the beginning and was a very great help to the Department in getting the work established, and to the Director in the beginning of her work. She is often spoken of with kindly remembrance by many of our Club members. Her death has deprived the organization of a sympathetic supporter.

For over two years the work was managed by the Head of the Extension Department—then a Woman Director was appointed. She was assisted first by Miss Daisy Harrison, then by Miss Edith Patrick, and at present has the support of Miss Esther Thompson and Miss Myrtle May. Miss May has been with the Department so long, and is so well known by the different members, that a special word of appreciation is forthcoming. Her work has been much valued and she has proved herself to be every member's friend and helper.

The present status of the Homemakers' Clubs has been the result of a natural development. We have made no attempts to force organization or progress, preferring rather to "pursue the even tenor of our way," untouched by "fierce unrest or low ambition."

The "resolutionitis" epidemic passed us by. In all our ten years we have passed on no more than four or five, but of these we are justly proud, because we feel they have brought forward measures that mean much in the development of our province.

For consideration at the Education Department, we have standing a resolution asking for provision in our Rural Schools, for an up-to-date system of Physical Culture.

The 1920 Convention passed a resolution for the establishment of a Scholarship for the maintenance of a student in the Teachers' Household Science Course, with the understanding that the teacher devote at least three years in a non-English District. The Scholarship has been raised and the teacher is now about to begin her part of the contract.

The Club histories which follow will give a detailed account of the chief activities carried on.

Our plans for the future will aim at more extended and extensive community effort, especially in the interests of the young people; greater emphasis given to the cultural side of life; education in citizenship; influence toward simpler living.

Our aim in community effort is not so much to develop leadership as to develop the spirit of service in everyone, and in homes, to live up to "Woman's Greatest Work," as laid down by Dr. Abbott:

"It seems strange to me that any woman should think it a greater work to have part in governing grown men and women than it is to make grown men and women who are able to govern themselves. We admire the work of the sculptor, who out of the plastic clay makes the statue of a Lincoln; but it is not comparable with the work of the mother, who out of the plastic boy made the living Lincoln."

For Home and Community

"Today, our homes stand newly revealed. To-day, with our new sense of values, we are seeing for ourselves with all the thrill of original discovery, that the home job is a very great one, and that it has many aspects we have never beheld before!"

THE HOME

Miss Esther Thompson

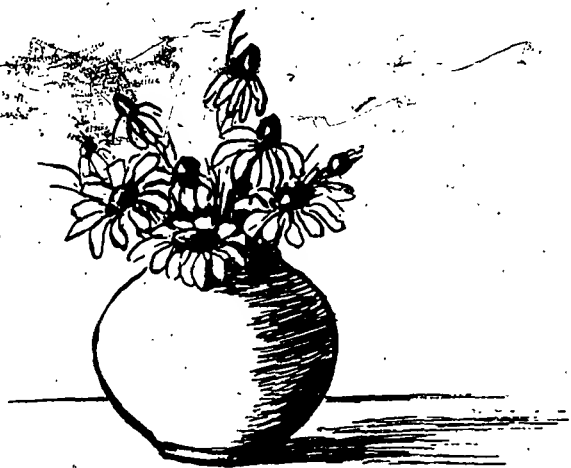
We like to think of our country as a land of homes, and sometimes we are disappointed. True, there are many homes—real ones, but there are also many dwelling places, which cannot be called by that name. They are mere habitations. They lack accommodation, comfort, beauty, but most of all—parental love. After all, it is love—an intelligent love, that creates the home atmosphere—the Spirit of Home.

The absence of the most desirable type of home is, possibly, the natural result of circumstances, at the mercy of which the pioneers found themselves. When they came, they built a temporary house—all that their means would allow; then they turned their interests and energies towards the cultivation of the soil, from which they hoped to reap material gains, necessary for a better home. Often, during the struggle, the home was lost sight of, and the material gains became the end instead of the means; thus delaying the coming of the home. To-day, the pioneers and older settlers are prosperous, and they are again (often reluctantly) turning their interests and energies toward the home—the family.

The growing public interest in the home, the child, the family, will greatly assist the Homemakers in their work. In the past, one may safely say, that they have been working quietly to better the homes, the communities of our province, in spite of a general indifference towards their efforts. Now, as people are awakening to a realization of the true function of the home, the work of the home-makers is accepted as the most fundamental and constructive force, at work in our national life. This statement we base upon the place of the home in our nation, in the world. The home as an institution, and compared with the school and church, is recognized as the most influential of the three. The first six or seven years of a child's life are spent in the atmosphere of the home. The development during this period forms the foundation of character. On this foundation the school and the church must work, and the results of their efforts are determined by the early training in the home. Thus, it becomes apparent that the mother, the father and the home atmosphere are responsible for, and are molding the character of the future men and women of Canada and the World. This also explains the statement, "That the hand which rocks the cradle rules the world." The Mother molds the character of our men and women, who tomorrow, will in turn, mold our national ideals and policies. Women may, through the intelligent exercise of the vote, promote progress, yet the home is a greater avenue through which to better mankind and the world. Education must precede legislation if permanent reforms are to be effected.

To-day, when national and world conditions are in a state of transition, we sometimes lose ourselves in doubt, and wonder if after all, what we are doing is our mission here, and is it worth while. As individuals our influence is very much like a single star in the evening sky—so small and insignificant, but all of us, together, working in our various spheres, can accomplish a very great deal. This must be our thought, then we know that a few people, a few places are better because we lived and served.

Let us as Homemakers continue quietly and unassumingly creating "The Spirit of Home," which is the greatest force in the world to-day, for it is based on love.



Homemakers' Clubs

PROSPERITY HOMEMAKERS' CLUB, ROCANVILLE 1907

On the afternoon of February 6, 1907, six women gathered at the home of one of their number in Prosperity, Sask., to consider the forming of some sort of women's society, of which they all felt the need.

After some little discussion it was decided that the new society should be called the Prosperity Homekeepers' Society, that all girls over sixteen should be eligible for membership, that its officers should be President, Vice-President and Secretary, that its dues should be 25 cents per annum, and that the subjects discussed should be anything of interest or benefit to those members. Such was the beginning of the pioneer women's society of Saskatchewan.

At the second meeting held two weeks later the membership was raised to 11, and each subsequent meeting saw a steady increase until the society had over 50 names on its roll.

The meetings which opened with a Doxology and closed with the National Anthem were divided into two parts—the business part including a paper or talk on the subject for the day, followed by a discussion in which all were expected to take part—and the social part including the always much-appreciated cup of tea and lunch.

At first, while the young society was carefully feeling its way, the subjects were selected at each meeting for the next and were almost always household questions, and many were the hints and helps the younger housekeepers carried home from each gathering. As time passed on, a different class of subject was taken up and a programme for the year made out at one time. The professional people—doctors, dentists, nurses, ministers, of the neighboring towns were asked and always kindly consented to address meetings.

Early in its career the society selected a pin—a tiny gold shield engraved with "P.H.S. '07" and surrounded with a wreath of wheat.

When the Homemaker's Clubs of Saskatchewan were organized, we affiliated with them.

For a time each new Homekeeper baby was presented with a silver mug bearing name, date of birth, etc. Eight of these mugs were purchased during one year. Later, dainty Baby books were substituted for the mugs.

Each Christmas a collection was taken up and devoted to some charitable purpose. Each winter the society gave a supper to its members and their immediate friends, and each summer a picnic.

In the early days of the society, many of the husbands, fathers, brothers, took little or no interest in it, but that was all changed once the real nature and objects were understood, and many a man has left his work at the busiest times to take some members to meetings.

Several of the winter meetings have seen almost as many men in one room taking care of babies as women in another, discussing momentous and all-important questions of interest to both. From the first meeting the women were deeply interested, and one member voiced

the feelings of many when she said that she lived on the meetings—going over the last and looking forward to the next.

When the Homemakers' Clubs of Saskatchewan were organized, the Prosperity Homekeepers were invited to affiliate with them, and after some little time, they did so. "Homekeepers became Homemakers"—that was the only change, as the rules and regulations of the two societies were practically identical.

When the terrible war began, the Society bent all its energies toward trying to answer, as far as possible, the many appeals for help.

Among other things, it donated \$100 to the Saskatchewan Unit, supported two cots in Clindon Hospital, gathered and sold a car of scrap iron, held several sales of work, garden parties, showers, etc., knitted and forwarded dozens of pairs of socks and many other needed articles, and took up a regular monthly collection and several special collections which were sent to the Royal Savoy Association Red Cross or wherever the need seemed greatest.

When peace was declared it was decided that for a time at least, the monthly collections should be continued and there has been no difficulty in finding a place for the money thus raised.

This, then, is the history of the Prosperity Homemakers' Club, which is at present in as flourishing a condition as at any time during its life of almost fourteen years.

MAIR H.M.C.

(1909)

In June, 1909, the ladies of the district organized a Club and called it the Open Door Circle. Each month they met at a member's home, and their funds went mostly for giving a big free Christmas entertainment. They got a present for each child of the district and had treats and plenty of good things to eat for all. Any entertainment they had was held in the school then, as the hall was not built. In August, 1912, they decided to join up with the Homemakers' organization. The rules did not need much changing as they were not much different. They first raised funds to help some needy families of the community. The Library which was soon started is now of great interest to all. We have now a big collection of good books, thanks to the University for helping in this. Arrangements were made to hold a Fair at the Hall in 1913. Prizes were given mostly for children's work. The schools all took great interest in doing work for it. Prizes were also given for school gardening. A Baby's Health Contest was held the same day each year at the Fair. Babies came from all around the country to be examined by two doctors and a nurse. Those scoring most points in the four classes were given silver cups for first prizes and spoons for second. The following is what appeared in the September, 1913, "Prairie Farm and Home" Paper:

First in West Held in Mair

"Not more babies but better babies. Congratulations to the Mair Homemakers for their enterprize in organizing that successful Babies' Health Contest. Homemakers all over the Province will be proud to

learn that one of their number has established a record not only in the Province but in the West and in Canada for progressiveness. It is a pleasure, today, to be able to present pictures of the first prize babies in the Mair contest."

The Annual Fair has grown to be quite a large thing now. We have improved it each year and enlarged our prize list.

We worked hard for the Red Cross while the War was on. A donation was made to help get a nurse stationed at Fairlight, and also a donation to the V.O. of Nurses' funds. We collected all the old clothes, every now and then, to send to Regina Bureau of Labor for distribution to the needy families. Our school was the first in the Province to have a hot lunch. The Homemakers helped the teachers to start it. Now they grow garden stuff enough to provide some every day. The children do the cooking on an oil stove.

We have thirty members. We had only seventeen members in the Open Door Circle and we still have four of the ladies who helped organize it, as members.

WOLSELEY H.M.C.

(1910)

The Wolseley Homemakers' Club was organized on November 26th, 1910, in the Reading Room of the Town Hall. The meeting was called by the directors of the Wolseley Agricultural Society, and was addressed by Miss L. Beynon representing the Department of Agricultural Extension of the University of Saskatchewan. The chair was taken by W. P. Osler, secretary of the Agricultural Society. At this time the club was called "The Women's Club," until such time as a suitable name should be chosen. Shortly after, the name "Homemaker's Club of Saskatchewan" was taken. From that time the Club has held a monthly meeting; the aim of the Club has been to have helpful discussions, demonstrations, and papers suited to the time of the year. The social side, of tea and cake has been enjoyed at the close of each meeting; many useful lines of work have been taken up, all of them more or less on house-keeping methods and home nursing. Dr. Elliott at one time addressed the meeting. This was the regular work until September, 1914, when the Red Cross Society in Regina wrote to the Club requesting that the club would either take up the war work or form a Red Cross Society. After discussion, it was decided that the Club, being undenominational and representative of the town women, take up the war work. From that time, every one did all possible; the idea of helping the cause of Canada and the "Boys" inspired every member; the result being that \$14,063.77 was raised for Red Cross and War work, 1,732 pairs of socks were knitted, 446 shirts, numerous caps, mufflers, etc., were sent to the Red Cross Society in Regina. After this work closed, the Club has gradually returned to its pre-war method of working, with an occasional effort to raise funds for the G.W.V. or other deserving causes. A play was given, and the amount of \$300 given to the G.W.V.A. A piano has been purchased for the Club meetings. At our October meeting, the Grenfell Club will be our guests. The Club is also taking up the work of assisting the Navy League. Something is always coming forward for a helping hand, and the Club hopes to keep steadily on, both in usefulness

and in the matter of bringing women together to know each other by working together and spending a sociable time at the monthly meetings.

(The Country points, both north and south of the Town, also the Town people in general, assisted liberally in raising the above sum. One hundred and five life memberships to the Red Cross Society were taken through the Club.)

THE STEWART H.M.C., BATEMAN

(1911)

One of our present day novelists says that "while the West is fine for men and mules, it is extremely hard on women and horses," and truly, the few pioneer women of our district in 1911-12 were proving the truth of part of this assertion, at least. The isolation and loneliness were beginning to dampen the enthusiasm of even our newest and therefore bravest brides, when someone suggested that we form a club of some sort.

How welcome was the suggestion, and with what joy we gathered each month at a neighbor's to talk over our experiences, compare babies or exchange recipes or crochet patterns, no one but a woman who has homesteaded forty miles from a town will ever know.

However, just as the very aimlessness of our little club was about to prove fatal to its life, we heard of the "Homemakers of Saskatchewan." Straightway we resolved to become "Homemakers," and having received the necessary information from Miss De Lury, we enthusiastically re-organized in the fall of 1913, as the Stewart Homemakers' Club.

Up to the time of the outbreak of the war, we interested ourselves in household topics, striving to become more efficient housekeepers and homemakers. But, while we had the good of the whole community at heart, we took the school especially under our wing. Our interest resulted in an improved sanitation and also in medical inspection of the children.

During the war, our activities were those of every club in Saskatchewan. We record with thankfulness, that we were able to send a very handsome sum of money to the Red Cross and Belgian Relief Fund, and of course we knit and sewed as did all women in Canada.

On us, as on the rest of the world, the war had its effect. At its close we were no longer content to spend our time at our club in the discussion of our little intimate problems. We wanted to become better citizens, to become worthy of our new enfranchisement.

With this purpose in mind, we began to study, at our Club meetings, Hunt's "Dawn of a New Patriotism." We hope to derive much benefit therefrom.

Our club at present is in a very flourishing condition. We have a good number on the membership roll, all filled with a desire to work for the betterment of "Home and Community."

BLADWORTH H.M.C., BLADWORTH

(1911)

The Bladworth Homemakers' Club was organized on July 17, 1911. In the month of January, the same year, a number of our ladies had the

privilege of attending the first annual Provincial convention of Homemakers' Clubs held in the city of Regina. So impressed were we with the opportunities presented through such an organization for the assimilation of our new Canadian women, and to make better and brighter the home life, particularly of our farm women, that it was soon decided to organize a Club in Bladworth. Great credit is due Mrs. (Dr.) Fyfe, for it was she who was the prime mover in the preliminary work prior to organization. There were some forty-five ladies present at the meeting called for organization purposes. Twenty paid their membership fee and the Bladworth Homemakers' Club was a reality. Mrs. Napier, (formerly Miss Mary Mantle) of Regina, was present on this occasion and gave a very instructive address on Saskatchewan Home Makers' Clubs. Since that time, we have been addressed by Miss Armstrong of the Regina "Leader," Mrs. A. V. Thomas, of "Winnipeg Free Press", Miss McKenzie of the Victorian Order of Nurses and Miss DeLury of the Saskatchewan University. We also have had several demonstrators sent to us from the University.

The social side of the organization has been well taken care of. We have always had a number of musical selections at each meeting and the many excellent papers given by our members have had a marked effect which can easily be seen in our district. It has given our women an opportunity to take part at public gatherings, and, in this way, has better fitted them to take their equal share of responsibility in the affairs of the state. While it would be impossible to enumerate all the splendid papers given by our members, amongst those worthy of special mention, are:

1. How to Fight the House Fly.
2. How to Store Vegetables for Winter Keeping
3. Cooking for Threshers
4. Food Values
5. Desserts and Salads
6. Gardening
7. Poultry Raising
8. Co-operation
9. Amusements in the Home
10. Why I Am a Homemaker.
11. Tact
12. The House; Its Place, Decoration and Care
13. Household Bacteriology
14. Household Hygiene
15. Chemistry in the Household
16. Principles of Cookery
17. Food and Dietetics
18. Household Management
19. Personal Hygiene
20. Home Care of the Sick
21. Textiles and Clothing
22. Study of Childlife
23. Economy in Food
24. Waste
25. Horticulture
26. Our Book Shelves
27. What is Home For?
28. How to Get the Most Out of Life
29. The Old Country in War Time
30. Canadian Women in Literature
31. The Mother's Influence in the School
32. Civics

33. The Club's New Year Outlook
34. Some Recent Additions to Our Book Shelves
35. Our Dominion Capital
36. Preparing for Thanksgiving
37. Christmas Giving
38. Looking Forward
39. New Impressions of Old Quebec
40. Hurry and Worry
41. Is Modern Dress of Women Conducive to Good
Morals and Good Health
42. A Winter at the Coast
43. Winter Care of House Plants
44. New Year's Greeting
45. A Varied Programme with Several Topics:

Who is the Greatest Living Canadian?
My Favorite Flower and Why?
My Favorite Amusement and Why?
My Favorite Author and Why?

'It was not intended that our Homemakers' Club should be a money-making organization and up until the War had only two Socials where we made a charge. With the proceeds from these we bought dishes, stove and kettle which the community have the use of for all social functions.

In 1913, our Club prepared an exhibit for competition at the Dry Farming Congress, held at Tulsa, Oklahoma. As the competition was open to all farm Women's Clubs the world over, we were very proud of receiving the First Prize, it being a valuable set of books.

In 1914 we packed and sent a number of boxes of clothing to needy families in different parts of the province, and at the outbreak of the War, our attention was turned toward the Patriotic work which was carried on during the whole War period. There were forty-six boys who went to the War from our district and we planned to keep them in socks, besides sending some to another platoon which one of our boys was commander of. We also sent sums amounting in all to \$503 to other war and Relief organizations.

In 1914 we got our men-folk interested in trying to beautify the Cemetery. On the 24th of May they planted trees, but owing to the dry summer and the ground not being in proper shape, only a few trees lived. Last year this work was again undertaken and with much better results.

In 1917 we started a Homemakers' Library, and each year we have some social function to raise money for new books.

In 1919 we opened a Rest Room and we have moved our Library into it.

We have over \$200 laid aside for a Memorial for the boys from this district who fell in the Great War. This money will be paid over when the citizens of the district decide what form this Memorial is to take.

Like every other organization of its kind, our Homemakers' Club has had its "ups and downs," but viewing it from the standpoint of to-day, I think there is no one who has had anything to do with the Club but will say that it has done a lot of good, useful work, and has been a real help in promoting the community spirit in the Bladworth District.

REDVERS H.M.C., REDVERS

(1911)

The Redvers Homemakers' Club was organized in August, 1911, with ten charter members; it grew to twenty-four members the first year. Since then, we have had an average membership of about thirty members. We meet the first Thursday of each month at the homes of the different members. The first four years were devoted to social activities, demonstrations, interchange of different household suggestions, and having happy times together. In 1915 we began to work in earnest for War and Relief Work. We also sent clothing for needy families, at the request of the Government. Mrs. Archibald and Miss Harrison gave a splendid two-day demonstration. A play was given by the members and the proceeds which amounted to \$50 were sent to the Patriotic Fund. In 1916 we enjoyed another demonstration; we also took up Red Cross sewing. We had a splendid "At Home" for the members and their husbands, and a large and enjoyable picnic in the summer of this year. Princess Patricia pictures were sold at the Summer Fair and the money was sent to the Red Cross Fund. In 1916 another play was given by the members and the proceeds, \$52, were sent to the Belgian Relief. In 1917 we decided to give a sterling silver spoon to the members leaving the community in place of the miscellaneous articles formerly given. Each member was asked to give twenty-five cents to buy flannelette and make shirts for the soldiers. We decided to keep a Belgian family. We also undertook the improving of the cemetery. A butter demonstration was given by our prize butter maker. We secured a travelling library and gave showers to three brides. Sales of home-cooking were held to raise money to send delegates to the convention. Another play was given and forty dollars sent to Red Cross Society. A cheese-making demonstration was given by one of our members; also a demonstration on food conservation by another member. We got odds and ends of flannelette from the Red Cross Society and patched and quilted six quilts for Red Cross Refugee work. We also made an autograph quilt which brought in \$62.95. Fifty dollars was sent to the Mercantile Marine. As the War was then over, we did refugee work, making petticoats, etc. We still sent boxes overseas, while the need lasted. Our relief work for the dried out districts was well responded to, and large boxes of clothing, etc., were sent. Twelve card tables were made by the members, to enable us to hold whist drives. We have given several whist drives and dances; also two At Homes for our returned boys. We have had splendid instructive demonstrations, one by Mrs. Milne, and two given by Miss May. We adopted the method of two members bringing the luncheon, thus relieving the hostess and we find it works splendidly.

We are now building up a fund for the purpose of a Memorial for our soldiers.

Our present membership is twenty-seven. During the past three years, fifteen members have removed from the district, to whom we have presented our Club spoon. Our Club is now in a prosperous condition and a decided help to the social welfare of our community.

GLENROSE H.M.C.

(1911)

The Glenrose Homemakers' Club was organized in September, 1911, and has, since that time, shown itself to be a live and enterprising organization. Its members have endeavored to "do their bit" in keeping up the reputation of the well-known Homemakers' Club which is filling such a large place in the lives of the women of Saskatchewan today.

The Glenrose club has filled a large part in the social life of the district. During the winter months the regular monthly meetings were discontinued and social evenings were held every two weeks instead, either at the homes of the members or at the school. These meetings usually consisted of a programme, contests, games, etc., and then luncheon. Many enjoyable evenings were spent in this way by members and neighbors. During the war these meetings served as a means of raising funds for patriotic purposes.

Another work performed gladly by the Club, was the giving of help to the needy and the sick. A sick visiting committee has been appointed from time to time and given the power to buy fruit, flowers, etc., to send to anyone who has been ill. Not only in this way, but by kindly visits, we have tried to show our sympathy for those in sickness and sorrow.

Many strangers coming into country districts feel lonely and disheartened during the first few months in their new surroundings. To bring cheer and encouragement to these, each member of the Club was asked to make a short social call each month and to welcome all strangers.

We have found it beneficial to arrange the program for each month as nearly as possible, shortly after the annual meeting. In order that each member might have an opportunity of hearing any subject of special interest to her, discussed, a list of subjects was read at the annual meeting and each lady asked to name one or more subjects on which she would like to hear discussion.

We have also found a question drawer very interesting and helpful. Each member writes a question down on a folded paper, and two judges are selected to answer them to the best of their ability.

Another device along the same line was successfully carried out, in having each member respond to the roll call by giving a recipe for cool drinks, tasty desserts, economical dishes or helpful hints of any kind.

Boys and girls of the school age are often encouraged by a little show of interest on the part of the older people. With this idea in mind, the Club has given prizes for proficiency in recitations, oratory, etc.

Another work worthy of a word in passing, has been the help given by the Club to a Public Rest Room, just being fitted out in our city of Battleford. This is a great benefit to all country women, for it is almost the only public place where they can rest comfortably during their stay in town.

Women living many miles from a town or village often have need of slight medical knowledge. In view of this, we have had local doctors address the meetings upon such practical subjects as treatment of children's ailments, epidemics, first aid nursing, etc. Doctors have also

been paid by the club to visit the school and examine the school children.

We have also had several visits from ladies, who travel between the various organizations lecturing and demonstrating on such very beneficial subjects as home millinery, dressmaking, etc., and the care of children from birth on.

Such a lecture as this last cannot be too much emphasized in a country where, in numerous cases, medical aid in emergencies is difficult to obtain, and a knowledge of proper methods is indispensable in maternal ailments. We have considered the services of Miss Peers, of the Public Health Department, and Miss May of the University, who have visited us, a privilege indeed.

REGINA H.M.C.

(1911)

The Regina Homemakers' Club was first known as the "Briercrest" Club. It was "born" in 1911 in a rural community, eight miles north of the city of Regina, but like many rural people, it "migrated" to the city. This came about through the removal to the city of a number of the women who belonged to the Club. Through these members, some of the women of the city became interested, and upon invitation, joined the "Briercrest Club." After a time, the name was changed to "Regina Homemakers' Club."

For several years the rural women and city women worked harmoniously and spent many enjoyable afternoons. There was much relief work done, many boxes of good clothing were collected and distributed, and after the War began, this Club, like all other Clubs, was diligent in doing "War Work." Money was made through various methods and spent in ways of relieving suffering, and used both at home and abroad.

The last three or four years the membership has been confined to city ladies only, as those from the rural districts have one by one withdrawn for reasons known to themselves, but much to the regret of those who have always lived in the city; for we feel there might be much mutual benefit by a mingling of both in this Club.

The Club has a reputation as one which dispenses help in time of need and letters come to us from people in distress, who are unknown to any of the members, but it is a joy to help, and everyone is enthusiastic when the opportunity to aid in any way comes to us.

Now that the War is over and there is not the same need for what we might call "hand work," we are turning our attention to "head work," and are planning for some good lectures and papers in our meetings.

BRADWELL H.M.C., BRADWELL

(1911)

The Homemakers' Club was organized in Bradwell, on March 9th, 1911. The Club decided to meet every fourth Thursday in the month, and have continued to do so with scarcely any exception.

The aim of the Club has been mainly sociability, and a great deal

of visiting has been done on the Club day. Many women, especially from the country, do not get a chance to meet with friends any other time.

Besides the social end, papers have been written and read by the members on Home Topics, Home Gardening, Poultry Raising, etc., and a great deal of valuable information has been obtained through this medium. The last year and a half, Civics has been studied, so that our members may know the government of the country, and special stress has been paid to the laws for women in Saskatchewan.

An attempt has been made at Community Singing, and on the days when it was taken up, a great deal of pleasure resulted. The Homemakers have quite a large library and at present have a splendid collection of books obtained through the Travelling Library from Regina.

The Club has a membership of thirty-five, and we are in hopes of increasing the membership as the months go on.

NOLAN H.M.C., BATTLEFORD

(1911)

The district of Nolan, at the time of organization of the Homemakers' Club, was thickly settled. A meeting to organize a Homemakers' Club was called for September 20th, 1911. Mrs. John Fyfe, of Bladworth, was with us on that date. The meeting was called to order by singing "The Maple Leaf." Mrs. Fyfe then gave a talk on the Homemakers' Club and its aims. We began with twenty-one members. Our meetings were held the second Thursday in each month in our homes. The next year, we held our meetings in the school, as it was more central for every one. At each meeting we chose a topic, and some of the members were asked to write a paper on it to be read at the next meeting. We also had a program of music, readings or recitations which helped to brighten our meetings. A light lunch was also served. We found the question drawer a help. We have had a number of entertainments since our organization. The proceeds were in aid of Rest Room, Red Cross, Belgian Relief Fund, W.C.T.U., and other things. During the War we helped with sewing and knitting. We always help the teachers in getting up a Christmas concert for the children each year. We are always pleased to have some one visit us from the University for lectures and courses. They give us many helpful suggestions. During the winter months we have no business meetings. We gather at the homes in the evening every two weeks and spend the time in games and other amusements. At present we have only fourteen members. This winter we intend to hold the evening meetings in the school with dancing and other amusements.

The Homemakers' Club has been a great help to the women in the West. It is an afternoon when we can all meet and spend a pleasant time together. We hope our Club will be as successful in the future as it has been in the past.

ARMADALE H.M.C., BATTLEFORD

(1911)

In the late summer of 1911, the farmers of the School District met together and formed a Farmers' Institute; then adjourned their meet-

ing in order to ask the ladies of the neighborhood to inaugurate a Ladies' Auxiliary, which institution was mainly to help the male members to enjoy their meetings more socially than they would have done otherwise; in a few words, their work was to provide refreshments to the inner man. This, of course, was successfully done. The Auxiliary also performed service in the summer of 1912, by attending to the stall at a picnic so well in a financial sense that, ever since, the men have managed that department and also incidentally kept their hands on this money-making source of revenue. The money belonging to the Club was lost in a fire when the house of the Secretary-Treasurer was burned to the ground in 1913. After this, permission was given the Club to store or bank their money in the office of the Secretary of the Municipality for which the Club was extremely grateful.

Although Homemakers in name, the Club was not affiliated with the Homemakers' organization. This, however, was remedied at a meeting held April 18th, 1914, when a resolution was passed that a list of names be sent to Miss DeLury and that Armadale Homemakers become a chartered Club.

After this, the Club centered its best endeavors on War work, helping the Local Grain Growers and doing good work in several ways to further the aims and motto of the Club "For Home and Country." Pressure of War work caused the papers which were read at the Club to fall into disuse.

In October, 1915, the Club received a visit from Mrs. Archibald and Miss Harrison, of the University staff, which was greatly enjoyed, several innovations being made as a result of their most instructive lectures. One was to have a Press reporter in order to let other Clubs know what we do at our meetings; also we got more into contact with the University, and the next year we sent two delegates. No more, however, were sent until after the war when, in 1919 and 1920, delegates were again sent who greatly enjoyed the association with people from different parts of the province.

MANOR H.M.C., MANOR (1913)

The Manor Homemakers' Club was organized in June, 1913, with a membership of twenty-two. Meetings are held in the homes of the members every third Thursday of each month, opening with the singing of "O Canada," and closing with "God Save the King." During the period following its organization up to the present time, the members have always been enthusiastic and helped unanimously in all the work undertaken by the Club.

The biggest undertaking of the Club has been the arranging and management of an annual Horticultural Fair, which encouraged greater production during the War, and all proceeds above expenses were donated to the local Red Cross Society.

Such topics as the following have been taken up by the Club: Laundry, Housecleaning, Gardening, Labor Saving Devices, the Preparation of Food, Need of Increased Production, Medical Inspection of Schools, Value of Music in the Home, Canning, etc.

HANLEY H.M.C., HANLEY (1913)

The Hanley Homemakers' Club was organized on August 14, 1913, by Mrs. Fyfe, of Bladworth. Twenty ladies joined the Club at the first meeting and we gained new members at each meeting so that, at the close of the year, we had sixty-four paid up members. We have a five cent collection at each meeting, and we find it helps our funds considerably, without being very hard on our pocketbooks.

During the four long years of the War, we all worked together in all patriotic work and can truly say without exaggeration in the least, that two-thirds of the Red Cross supplies shipped from Hanley were completed by members of the Homemakers' Club. Our special Homemakers' work was sending boxes semi-annually to all the boys who went overseas from this district. We also assisted in giving them a Banquet on their return home.

Owing to crop failure for the last two years in this district, we have not been able to do much community work, except in the way of local relief, of which we did a great deal last year, for there were many appeals for clothing, especially. We solicited the general public and got a most generous response, so that we were enabled to help a good many families in that way. We also asked each member of our Club to make a quilt-block twenty-four-inches square, and in that way, we got enough blocks to make six large comforters which we gave to those in need.

A generous young business man in the town offered us a vacant room rent-free, and we were thus enabled to open a Public Rest Room in Hanley. We furnished it very simply with what we had on hand, and the Rural Council furnished the coal free of charge last winter. The gentleman who gave us the room also attends to the fire and lights, so that it is always very cosy and is a real boon to the country folk.

We always have a large attendance at our meetings, which shows a marked interest in the proceedings and now, at the close of our seventh year of Club work, we have a paid up membership of fifty-seven. We have one year's program printed in a neat little booklet and it has been a great help to us, as our members very seldom refuse to take the part allotted to them, and the Homemakers' Club has surely been the means of bringing to light a great deal of hidden talent as we have had many papers given on various subjects that could not be surpassed. But the best of all is the *goodwill* and *co-operation* which exists among our members who are of all creeds and nationalities and whom nothing but a Homemakers' club would ever have brought together.

MANTARIO H.M.C., MANTARIO (1913)

Mantario Homemakers' Club was organized on March 6th, 1913, with nine charter members. Now, we have a membership of eighty active and otherwise. We have held one hundred and eight meetings in the nine years and the attendance has been good. We meet in various homes and the lady entertaining serves lunch. Although the meetings have been chiefly of a social nature, lots of material work has been done. On one occasion, a quilt was made for the Red Cross and nearly four

hundred dollars was realized from it. On other occasions, collections were taken for the Agricultural Relief, for the Allies' Fund, Children's Home, and local help has been given.

We also have in connection a library, which was started by a contribution of a book from each member and several were given by friends.

Each year we hold our open meeting. This has been very much appreciated by the gentlemen. We have held a bazaar recently, and as a result have cleared \$200. We pay a membership fee and a fine for lack of responding, to keep up the funds.

Our thanks are due Mrs. John Neal for organizing our Club. The meetings seemed to be very much appreciated by the members.

KELSO H.M.C., KELSO (1913)

The Kelso Homemakers' Club was organized in August, 1913, by Miss Ida Baldwin. At the first meeting, Mrs. H. O. Hambleton, Mrs. Wheaton and Mrs. K. McDonald were present. At the second meeting eleven new members joined.

The first work was to buy an organ for the use of the school and community. During the past seven years, they have given a great number of socials, parties, entertainments, etc.

During the War, the Homemakers undertook to do Red Cross work for this district. They also sent parcels overseas twice a year, and raised money for relief work. In 1918 the receipts were \$1,037.60.

In June, 1919, the H.M.C. gave a banquet to all returned boys. Also presented them with a watch suitably engraved. Medals were given to the parents of Fred. Clark and Peter McDonald. These two boys made the supreme sacrifice.

Last Fall, a donation of \$100 was given to the rink committee to help in paying for a deep well. Our aim now is to try and get a hall in Kelso.

We regret the loss of one of our members, Mrs. W. Hambleton who, died at her home in Newmarket, Ont. She was president of the Club for a number of years, and she will be missed in this community.

ELLERSLIE H.M.C., DILKE (1913)

The Ellerslie Homemakers' Club of Dilke was organized in the year 1913. At first we had a membership of about thirty-five. Our records for the first two or three years were, unfortunately, burned so that we have no way of giving the exact details of our work during that time. However, our Club was the first organization in Dilke to undertake Red Cross work, and we continued until a Red Cross Society was formed which most of our members joined.

About six years ago we were fortunate in securing a well-qualified nurse for our town. At that time we rented a small building in which she might live when not employed. Later, we found that it would be

much more beneficial to the community and the nurse, if we secured a place where the nurse could accommodate patients. We thenceforth bent all our efforts towards that purpose, and, four years ago, bought and equipped a dwelling in which the nurse could accommodate two patients, and, in absolute necessity, three.

Our nurse works independently of the Club, going to patients' homes or persuading them to come to her, as she sees fit, charging whatever she wishes, and going to the surrounding towns, when needed. Our Club's chief aim is to keep the "Home" as comfortable for both patients and nurse as our financial circumstances will permit.

Our work has sometimes been discouraging but, in spite of discouragements and opposition, we have steadily pushed on and feel amply repaid for our efforts when we get credit and praise from those who were opposed to our undertaking.

We also have a Flower Fund in connection with our Club. The duty of the committee is to send flowers or fruit to all the sick ones in the community. We maintain the fund by an annual bazaar and plant sale. Our Club also gives five per cent. of all profits from entertainments, etc. The work has cheered many homes and individuals as is manifested by the numerous letters of heartfelt thanks which we receive.

We hope to be able to enlarge our Nursing Home in the future, and feel that if the public is as willing to respond to appeals for aid as they have been in the past, we will soon accomplish our purpose.

DEWAR LAKE H.M.C., DEWAR LAKE (1913)

The Dewar Lake Homemakers' Club was organized in July, 1913, and has had monthly meetings since, missing only occasionally if weather were unfavorable.

The membership generally has been from 20 to 30, at present we have 24 on the roll. Each member is expected to contribute something to the success of the Club, and not many fail to assume their share.

Before the war we did considerable relief work, sending boxes of clothing to families when same was requested. During the War we took up Red Cross work and found the members willing to do "their bit." It seemed to hold the Club together and be an added incentive during those strenuous times. At that time we also supported Belgian orphans.

The Flower Show has been a success with us. Everyone looks forward to our little fair and all help splendidly. This year we are adding a few more new things to our Prize List. I might just say that the Red Cross and Flower Show work was handled by a separate secretary for each, thus dividing up the work among the different members, and not making the Club secretary's work so arduous.

We find the Birthday offering a good way to keep our treasury replenished. Each member on her birthday places a penny for every year she is old in a box for that purpose, which is opened at stated times, by the Secretary. Concerts are also a means of helping the treasury, as well as providing wholesome and enjoyable evenings. We have been

working in a few debates which are both interesting and instructive. We have two debates on our program for this year.

At present we are meeting at the different homes—the farther away places in summer and in the village during winter. When we get our rest room (which is our present dream) we, of course, will meet there.

Wishing all other clubs success and pleasant afternoons together, we are,

THE DEWAR LAKE HOMEMAKERS' CLUB.

CONSUL H.M.C., CONSUL

(1913)

Our Club, while dating back to organization from October, 1913, has really been a Homemaker's Club in the real sense of the word since March, 1919, when our activities as a Red Cross Society ceased and we took up community work through our Club, and, of our usefulness, as a band of women who pledge themselves to make a better community and be of use to their fellow men, we feel we have something worth relating.

The first few years of our society, we could boast only of seven members; now, we have forty-one.

Our Club meetings are held regularly and are well attended and conducted along parliamentary lines; our social hour comes after adjournment and over our teacups and simple refreshments.

This past year we followed an excellent program, prepared by a program committee, which included music, plays, debates, papers on subjects such as gardening, interesting the young people, our duties as parents to the schools, nursing and cooking; also practical demonstrations on some of these subjects; one excellent demonstration was given before a visiting Club when two members, one a trained nurse, the other a teacher, demonstrated the making of a bed and caring for a patient in bed, a young girl being used as a patient, making the lesson very clear; a paper on nursing was read at this meeting also—all this for the benefit of our members and for their pleasure also.

Our outside work has consisted in clothing two families of little ones who have lost their mothers, gathering together blankets, sheets, pillow slips, etc., for men, women and children. We have provided syringe, hot water bottle, ice, cap, towels, etc.; in fact, articles much needed for use in sick rooms and in cases of emergency or illness. These articles are sent out to be used and when returned are sterilized or laundered ready for another case. Each member has pledged herself to aid in any way she can, anyone in need by giving her own help, food or medicine, as she can. We also have a good supply of drugs on hand, such as doctors recommend for influenza; these are under the charge of the trained nurse whom I mentioned before, and who is invaluable to our district, as she is always ready to help or give advice, and, as we are sixty miles from doctors or medical assistance, this member is frequently consulted. These drugs are sold at the purchase price if the person wishes to pay for them, but in needy cases no charge is made. These benefits do not apply to the members of the Club alone, but to anyone in the district needing aid in any way. Money for these articles is raised

by dances, concerts and collections at our monthly meetings. We have a good collection of books toward the making of the library and, at our last meeting, decided to send the "Canadian Home Journal" to every member of the Club for the year 1921, the money to be taken from the general fund. At present, we are preparing for a Christmas entertainment at which the seven schools in our district are to contribute to the program, and every child in the district will be invited and given a treat.

We feel we have the real community spirit in our district and that this is developed by the good fellowship among our members and the help we have been able to give one another, and at the same time we enjoy the privileges of giving service.

COATES H.M.C., DUNDURN (1913)

Coates H.M.C. was organized in April, 1913. Its existence has been very quiet and uneventful but continues and is valuable from a social standpoint. No other woman's Club was, or is, in existence, and it has lessened and continues to lessen the loneliness of our lives.

In the early days, our Club boasted a large membership. Women would drive miles to attend a meeting. Now clubs have formed all around us, thus lessening our membership.

We read about the fluctuating population in towns. It seems that here our population not only fluctuates but diminishes, and in so doing takes our good members. This is the worst enemy of Club life in the west.

We have found a yearly printed program a great assistance.

The Roll call is valuable; even the most timid find a voice. Many valuable papers have been given by our members.

We, like other Clubs, have helped with War and Charity work as need arose.

We have a large box of dishes that travels quite extensively around the community.

We had a physical examination of the school children by our local doctor. He gave a detailed and painstaking report to each parent. We should like this to be repeated annually.

We have a Flower Fund for the sick.

We have social meetings for the husbands and these are much enjoyed.

DAVIDSON H.M.C., DAVIDSON (1914)

The Davidson Homemaker's Club was organized in September, 1914, and has continued to work successfully to the present time, taking up practically every kind of useful work.

During the years of the War, Red Cross and Belgian Relief Work was carried on entirely by the Homemakers until the work was large enough to be taken up by the town.

A library of over 400 books belongs to the Club and is available to anyone in the district. Proceeds from lending books are spent on additions to the library.

The Town Council has materially supported the Club by granting them the free use of the Town Hall and its equipment for meetings. They also gave a large room, free of rent, as a Rest Room for women. This room is steam heated and lighted by electricity, the Homemakers having the responsibility of furnishing it and keeping it in good condition. It has also proved a great boon to the women of the country and, recognizing this, the neighboring municipalities of Arm River and Wilner granted \$25 each annually and latterly, \$50, for the upkeep of this room.

The Club has always taken advantage of the Short Courses from the University arranged by Miss DeLury, who has personally visited the Club.

Delegates have regularly attended the Homemakers' Convention in Saskatoon and, for several years, two girls have been sent by the Club to the Girls' Convention.

Excellent exhibits have been sent to local and other fairs and much work has been done in providing bales of clothing for needy or burned out families.

The local hospital has not been forgotten and every opportunity has been taken to interest the members in literary, social and patriotic matters.

During this year, the H.M.C. clothed one family in the dried out area, sent two girls to the Girls' Convention at Saskatoon and a delegate to the Homemakers' Convention.

Much interest was taken in local affairs and a lecture by Mr. H. C. Arnold on "A Prettier Town and Home," and the distribution of a printed leaflet illustrating trees, shrubs and flowers that were suitable to the district were found very profitable.

Under the auspices of the Club, a concert was given by four blind girls from Ontario, the girls realizing \$80.00 from the entertainment.

A sum of \$10 was donated to the Federation of Women's Institutes of Canada and \$10 to the Homemakers' Scholarship Fund.

The Club won a prize of \$15.00 with their exhibit at the Davidson Fair. On New Year's Eve a public dance was given which added considerably to the funds.

The Rest Room was thoroughly kalsomined, varnished and generally renovated at a cost of \$23.30.

Every opportunity is given to the young people to display their talents in music, drill and recitation, and interesting lectures are arranged for each meeting.

A bale of clothing was prepared very recently and sent to a widow with a large family in very poor circumstances.

The Club owes much to the energy of its office bearers.

EXCELSIOR H.M.C., ARCOLA (1914)

The Excelsior Homemaker's Club was organized in June, 1914, at the home of Mrs. E. A. Whitman. The first summer we had nice

sociable meetings at different members' homes. Some of our members gave readings and others gave receipts, etc.; and then, in the Fall of that year, the War broke out and we all joined heart and hand to do all we could for our boys at the Front. When the War was over, we took up Belgian Relief Work for a time. Then, in 1919, we helped poor families in the west of Saskatchewan who were burned out, with clothing for their children. A Ladies' Rest Room seemed to be the most pressing need, so last summer we got a Rest Room in the Grain Growers' store, free of rent. With the co-operation of our sister Club, 'Dungannon Homemaker's, and a little assistance from the town and municipality, we have been able to keep it going. In order to raise funds for this and also for the War Work, we had concerts, box socials, picnics, etc.

LESLIE H.M.C., LESLIE (1914)

The 'Leslie Homemakers' Club was organized on June 11, 1914, with five ladies present. After the various officers were elected, members were enrolled, and I am glad to say some of them are with the Club yet. For the first two meetings, we had Saturday for our day, but found it was not a satisfactory day, so we changed it to every first Wednesday in the month, arranging to meet at the members' homes in turn. Our average attendance was eight or nine. With the outbreak of the War, in August, just two months after we organized, we turned all our spare moments to Red Cross. Through the years of the Great War we raised money in various ways, such as teas, patriotic concerts, masquerade dances, raffles, collecting car of junk, and during big Red Cross Drives, the Club helped to get them through. Also, during the War, we had sewing days in a spare room of the hotel to make hospital supplies. As the Club became better known, we enrolled more members and averaged from twenty to twenty-two every year. During the Winter we have meetings in town, during the Summer in the country. During the Winter months we have Social Evenings for the members and their husbands, with card parties. During the "flu" epidemic, the Club met together and decided to help. Each member took a day in turn to look after and feed the families that were stricken down.

We give prizes to the School Fair and help the School in other things. In helping community and other needs, the Homemakers do good, both socially and morally.

BALJENNIE H.M.C., BALJENNIE (1914)

The Baljennie Homemakers' Club was organized on July 15th, 1914, by Mrs. J. H. Storö. She told the ladies present how nice it would be for them to meet each month and exchange different ideas on things, and help each other in that way, that they could pass their good ideas on to the other ladies of the settlement who couldn't go to the meetings.

We started with seven members; one year after that, nineteen members answered the roll-call. At present, we have twelve members. Several members have left the community.

It being the year the European War broke out, war work began that winter. In 1916, we started a fruit fund which we named the "Sunshine Fund." We send fresh fruit to any person in the district who is sick. The money is raised by voluntary donations from the members or any one interested in it.

We sent two members down to the convention in Saskatoon in 1916, and they very much enjoyed the trip and we much enjoyed their reports.

In 1919, we made articles for Sale of Work. \$25 was given to the Church here, out of the proceeds.

We got up a dance or card party each month of last winter, to help pass over the long winter, and it gave us a chance of meeting our neighbors, even in the cold weather.

We are sewing this year for a Sale of Work. Our "Sunshine" work is being carried on as usual.

CALDERVALE H.M.C., THEODORE (1914)

The Caldervale Homemakers' Club was organized on October 28, 1914, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Smith. Twelve charter members were enrolled. Our first attempt at earning money was a picnic on June 26, 1915. This affair netted the Club \$112.70. A Harvest Supper followed this in November. Our appeal to the crowd gathered for the supper to help pay a Nurse overseas, resulted in a rain of dollars. At the end of the evening, we found we had raised about \$175.00.

Since our organization, our Club has earned in cash \$1550. This amount does not include the many liberal donations in money we have had from time to time; or donations from the generous members for Red Cross work, packing boxes for the boys, etc. About \$700 was made from picnic. \$675 was given to the Red Cross alone, while many of the other funds were contributed to as generously as our Club funds would allow. About one hundred and twenty-five boxes were sent overseas.

Now that we have not so many demands for money, we have again tried our luck with a Rest Room, but I am sorry to say it has not been successful, owing to our being unable to find a suitable room. We tried one for a year but gave it up in February last.

A Life Membership Pin and Certificate was presented, to Mrs. R. A. McLeod who had been our President for a number of years, in token of our appreciation of her able management of our Club. A large tent has also been purchased by the Club and is found most convenient for picnics, etc., and has paid for itself in being loaned out to the different districts.

This year has seen many changes in the Club. Most of the old members are gone, some have re-joined the Club. Financially, our Club has done little in the past year, socially, we hope to carry on in the years to come.

NARROW LAKE, H.M.C., WILKIE (1914)

On July 23, 1914, a meeting of the Narrow Lake Ladies was held at the home of Mrs. A. Love. Mrs. Storer addressed the meeting and,

at the close, a club was formed called the Narrow Lake Homemakers' Club. Ten members joined the first day. At the first meeting of the Club, August 29th., we had twelve members. In the months of September, October and November, we had papers on Canning and Pickling, on House Cleaning, and a practical demonstration on Candymaking, all of which were helpful. At our December meeting, we prepared the parcels of clothing which were collected for the Saskatchewan poor and sent to Regina.

During 1917, we held socials and at these and regular meetings collections were taken for the Belgian Relief Fund. Our usual tea was served at the the Plowing Match in June. In July, we held our picnic, which is an annual affair. We sold refreshments at booths. We had a Homemakers' Exhibit at the Wilkie Fair and gave some of the exhibits to be sold for Red Cross work.

We always send a delegate to the Homemakers' Convention and, in 1919, we sent a delegate to the Rural Educational Association.

On February 4, 1920, a special meeting was held at one of the member's homes and it being the birthday of both the host and hostess, the Homemakers' husbands were invited to supper. A bouquet of flowers was presented to the host and hostess from the Club. On September 9, we invited our town community club to visit our club. Apart from having a pleasant time, we learned what each club was doing and hoped to co-operate in the future for the good of both clubs. We have since continued helping with things outside that required help and keeping up our program. We have managed to establish a very nice library.

THE WILDWOOD H.M.C., WORDSWORTH (1914)

The Wildwood Homemaker's Club organized on March 27, 1914, as a result of the address and organizing ability of Mrs. Fyfe, of Bladworth, Sask. To draw a larger crowd, a short musical program was given by Wildwood School pupils and refreshments were served in the form of a Box Social. Twenty-three members were enrolled then, and more later in the year. Mrs. Ed. Ziegler was elected President, which office she faithfully held till the end of 1915. Meetings were held in the afternoon of the third Thursday of each month, at some member's home usually; occasionally at the school house. Papers on various topics of interest by different members were often given, and whenever possible, musical selections were also rendered. The most important events of Mrs. Ziegler's administration, aside from the regular meetings were:

1. Picnic at Wildwood schoolhouse on Arbor Day for the purpose of cleaning schoolhouse and grounds.
2. Joint Homemakers' and the two neighboring Grain Growers' Association Picnic.
3. Thirty dollars' worth of clothing, mostly underwear, sent to the needy in the dried out districts in southwestern Saskatchewan.
4. Christmas concert at Wildwood Schoolhouse in 1914 in which school children helped.

5. Social evening near Valentine Day at the home of Mrs. R. Taylor.
6. Concert, raffling of quilt, with box refreshments in March.
7. Investing in dishes and spoons for social affairs.
8. Clean-up of Schoolhouse on Arbor Day, 1915.
9. Homemakers attempt picnic wholly on their responsibility which proved most successful.
10. Finished paying for school piano purchased in the Spring.
11. Bought lamps, mat and foot scraper for the school by the money earned on Arbor Day.
12. Manor Club entertained, and we entertained by them the following month.
13. Sent \$25 for Saskatchewan Hospital for soldiers.
14. Miss MacKenzie gave an address on District Nurses to Club on October 29th.

From the beginning of 1916, aside from the regular meetings, Christmas concerts and annual picnics, the main events have been joint social meetings with the Manor, Dalesboro and West Carlyle Clubs, sending exhibit to Regina Fair in 1916, sending delegates to annual convention at Saskatoon, "Ye Olde Time Singing School," followed by Box Social, and an oyster supper at the home of Mrs. Doty. Members who became "newly-weds" or who left the district were given tokens of remembrance. Flowers, post cards and letters were sent to members who were seriously ill at any time or in hospital.

We contributed to War needs, the Halifax Fund and to hospitals. We also organized a library.

GOOD CHEER H.M.C., WILCOX (1914)

The Good Cheer Homemakers' Club was organized October 8th, 1914, with thirty-nine members enrolled during that year. Since organizing, relief work has been the main object of the Club, our cash contributions to such causes amounting to \$339.14; also clothing has been sent during this last year and is still being sent. Two children were provided for in the hospital by the Club. One way our Club has of raising money is that each October we give a Thanksgiving offering of \$2.00. This amount we are supposed to earn in some way.

The program for the year, March, 1920, to February, 1921, is as follows:

March

Roll Call—"Short Sketch of the Life of Some Canadian Woman."
Reading from Nellie McClung.—By Mrs. McElwhe.
Covered Dish Dinner in Grain Growers' Hall.

April

Roll Call—"A Housecleaning Hint."
Paper: "Gardening and Flowers Adapted to this Country," by Mrs. A.T. Hadley.
Music Arranged by Mrs. Harry Cox.

May

Roll Call—"A Quotation from Book of Proverbs."
Paper: "Items of Interest on Travel and Western Scenery," Miss Ella Nelson.
Music Arranged by Mrs. Fryberger.

June

Quotation from a Favorite Author."

Paper: "Sketch of Life of Pauline Johnston and Poems," by Mrs. Bert Howard.
Music Arranged by Mrs. Pratt.

July

Roll Call—"My Favorite Summer Dessert."

Report of Homemakers' Convention, by delegate.

Music Arranged by Mrs. E. Day.

August

Roll Call—"Recitation of Our Childhood."

Children's program arranged by Mrs. Y. Thompson, with music.

September

Roll Call—"Verses on Home."

Paper: "The Children's Hour," by Mrs. Dodge.

A short discussion on this paper by Mrs. Cram, Mrs. Fryberger, and Mrs. Foster.

Music Arranged by Mrs. Jerome.

October

Roll Call—"Thanksgiving Quotation."

Story: "Canada's Coat of Arms, Union Jack and Maple Leaf," by Mrs. A. G. Nelson.

Music Arranged by Mrs. Ernie Thompson.

November

"Temperance Quotation."

Paper: "Early History of Saskatchewan," by Mrs. A. Humbert.

Music Arranged by Mrs. R. Z. Wallace.

December

Roll Call—"Christmas Verse."

Paper: "Advantages of Community Singing," by Mrs. Harry Cox.

Christmas Recitation by Mrs. Walker.

Music Arranged by Hostess, Mrs. J. B. Layson.

January

"A Worthy Act I Have Accomplished in Past Year."

Men's Program Arranged by Mr. Fryberger.

February

"Valentine Post Office."

Recitation by Mrs. Ernie Thompson.

Paper: "Books We Should Read," by Mrs. Whittaker.

Music by Ladies' Quartette, Arranged by hostess, Miss Ella Nelson.

Roll Call is responded to by some verse or quotation appropriate for the month. During the winter, the men usually favor us with a program. We have had several interesting papers given and, until this year's program, we have had some debates.

We have a Rest Room established. It was started by the co-operation of the Grain Growers' and our Homemakers' Club, but to make all people welcome, everyone was asked to help support it, and everyone readily responded.

Last Winter we had two travelling libraries.

DUNGANNON H.M.C., ARCOLA

(1914)

This Club was organized in 1914, mostly for War work, of which we did considerable for the Red Cross and for Belgian children.

We adopted a non-English school to which we sent many things, especially for the entertainment of the children.

After the War, we directed our energies toward a Rest Room in Arcola. For this we rented and furnished a vacant room. It is so homelike that we find it well patronized by mothers and their children. We have arrangements for serving tea and a resting place for children.

STONE BROOK H.M.C., GLENAVON

(1914)

Our Club was organized in June, 1914. We began with a membership of six, and now we have nineteen members. Our efforts have been in connection with Relief Work, War Work and helping the Glenavon Hospital, and stimulating social life in the district.

QUILL LAKE H.M.C., QUILL LAKE

(1914)

Our Club was organized in December, 1914, with sixteen members.

During the War, we held tag days, gave socials and had a lecture to raise money for the Red Cross.

We were instrumental in establishing a Rest Room and Library in our village.

We aim to keep our Resident Nurse supplied with necessaries for the sick and for First Aid.

Our members are workers in all matters of public interest and in questions pertaining to women.

This past year we have been able to procure our fruit from B.C., through co-operation.

Today we are proud to be respected as the organization of our district. We are also proud to be part of an organization that stands for so many things that mean the welfare of our Province.

We now have thirty-two members.

DUNDURN H.M.C., DUNDURN

(1914)

The Dundurn Homemakers' Club was organized April 16, 1914, with a membership of seventeen, but the membership was increased to thirty-three before the end of the year. At present there are forty-two members. The work of the Club has been chiefly along the following lines:

Education.—Papers by the different club members; studying Canadian Civics and current events; lectures by Dr. Finn on First Aid; lectures by members of the Extension Department, and a short course in dressmaking.

Patriotic.—Made contributions of shirts, socks and mitts for the soldiers; half of our monthly collections were turned over to our local Red Cross Society.

Community.—Established a library, which now consists of 200 volumes; raised \$300 by collecting scrap iron, for improvements in our cemetery; assisted with School Fairs and Grain Grower's Fairs; are now working with the Coates Club to establish a Rest Room.

Charitable.—Raised \$125 to help send a crippled child to Rochester; collected \$200 for a member having sickness in the family; collected \$17.50 for W.C.T.U.

Rescue Home.—Donated nurses' rockers for Babies' Home in Saskatoon; made donations of coal and provisions to widow whose son was killed in the War; also donated coal and clothing for a needy family.

Social.—Entertainment for neighboring clubs at picnics; have a picnic for members and families once a year; have "showers" for brides-to-be; farewell parties; a small gift for members leaving the community.

SPRINGSIDE H.M.C., SPRINGSIDE (1914)

Our Club was formed in August, 1914, with a membership of about 25, which has since varied between that number and 40.

During the first year of its existence the main efforts of the Club were directed towards War Work, raising money for patriotic purposes.

From that time up to the present our chief aim has been to assist our church, which urgently needed help. We have now paid off the debt on it, which was of many years' standing, have paid insurance on it for the next three years, pay for its caretaking, and assist in any way necessary.

We have also helped look after needy families in our district, and last fall sent fifteen bales of clothing to the people in dried out areas.

Our Club has also given assistance to various other organizations; as the Great War Veterans and the Red Cross.

At the present time we are using our influence to obtain a nurse in this municipality, and hope we will be successful.

We feel that our efforts have been small compared to that of many other Clubs. One reason for this is that our village is small and in it are several other organizations, whose work overlaps ours, and vice versa.

However, in these six years, we have never once lost the feeling of good-fellowship with which we began, and our monthly meetings are always looked forward to with satisfaction. We are hoping in this coming year to rally more members, and to extend our work, to be of yet greater benefit to our community and country.

HOOSIER H.M.C., HOOSIER (1914).

The Hoosier Homemakers' Club was organized in the G.T.P. Depot by Grace M. David, on July 17, 1914, with fifteen ladies as charter members.

This was the beginning of a strong organization for good in the community. The first regular meeting was held on August 14th, at the

home of the secretary, twenty-seven ladies being present, and all becoming members.

The second Friday of each month was chosen as meeting day and has always remained the same.

Up to the first of 1920 the membership grew to about thirty-five. During the present year, we have added about sixteen new members, making a total at present of fifty members.

Some of these have moved away from the district but still retain an interest in the Club and send many cheerful, encouraging letters. In August of the first year, the first Horticultural Fair was held and the Club has held a Fair every year since, but one. A Baby Clinic and Child Welfare demonstrations and exhibits have become a feature of our Fairs.

During the present year, an Agricultural Society has been formed through the efforts of the Club.

A Hall 24 x 47 feet was built during the winters of 1915 and 1916. The building and contents are insured for \$2,000. The building is finished with wainscoting and wall board. The outside is painted. We have a piano, bench, chairs, tables, table linens, towels, dishes for eighty-five, and a large range. Two large double gasoline lamps do the lighting. All are paid for and the Club is out of debt.

During the War the members of the Club were organized into a Red Cross Society and raised considerable money for the Patriotic and other funds; also did considerable sewing and knitting for the soldier boys.

Our Social program for the year usually consists of a Homemakers' banquet at which only the families of Homemakers are invited; a fowl supper, card parties, masquerades and dances; and picnics in the summer.

MEOTA H.M.C., MEOTA (1914)

March 27th, 1914, is a memorable date for the women of Meota and surrounding district for, on that bright, Spring-like day, eleven of them gathered at the home of Mrs. Hugh McMillan to discuss the question of forming a Homemakers' Club.

Mrs. McMillan had studied the working of the Clubs throughout Saskatchewan and was impressed with the good that was being done in various ways, so she put up notices inviting the women to come to her home on March 27th. She had a well written article on the aims of Homemakers' Clubs and the good that they were doing, and this she read to the assembled women. It all seemed good to them, so then and there the Meota Homemakers' Club was organized. Some of the women who helped organize have since left the neighborhood, and the rest are still members of the Club.

It was decided to hold monthly meetings at the homes of the members.

Two things that the Club had very much at heart during those early days were the establishing of a Rest Room in the village, and the se-

curing of a district nurse. A committee was named to study up the Victorian Order of Nurses, and after many meetings and many visits to the Municipal Fathers, we secured our Victorian Order nurse. I think the Rest Room would have materialized, too, had it not been for the outbreak of the war.

The first meeting after the declaration of War, it was unanimously decided to give every cent we earned to the Red Cross, so we worked all through the dreadful time of the War and contributed all our earnings to the North Battleford Branch of the Red Cross. That our efforts were appreciated was shown by the fact that one of the Hospital Beds at the Canadian Base Hospital, Clivedon, England, was named "Meota." Our boys at the front were remembered by letters and parcels, and one young fellow, whose home had been in Meota and who was taken prisoner by the Germans, was kept in white bread by contributions from the Club to the Red Cross Society at Geneva.

Since the close of the War, many things have taken up our attention. Crop failures in the district have left many families in poor circumstances. The collecting and distributing of clothes has been one of our works. The sick and the needy have been our special care. We have helped our District Nurse by providing linen and other requisites; we have encouraged the school children by contributing substantial prizes to the annual School Fair; we have contributed to the Temperance funds; in short, we have given assistance to any cause that seemed good.

Sometimes we have quite a respectable little sum in the Bank, and some member at a meeting ventures to mention "Rest Room," but before anything can be decided, some sad story of sickness or want comes up, and a cheque is written out and signed, and we are happy and proud to be able to help. Better times will come when the world has righted itself and that Rest Room will yet be built.

Our meetings and our Club work have drawn us together in close and sympathetic union. Indeed, to me this seems one of the best things about our Clubs. We have not accomplished any strikingly great things, but we have worked along agreeably, doing the little things that came up from month to month.

Looking back over the years since our organization, those terrible years of War, epidemic and drought, our meetings and our work seem bright spots shining out like little candles on a dark night.

DUBUC H.M.C., DUBUC

(1914)

A meeting to organize "The Homemakers' Club," was held at Dubuc on April 22nd, 1914. We began with forty members. The aim of our Club was for farmers' wives to meet once a month in town, and by so doing, get to know one another; also to give relief where needed.

It was arranged to meet every third Saturday in the month and to have a little social after the business was finished. For over a year meetings were held over a general merchant's store. During that time, money was raised in different ways, principally socials and dances. The following year, the Club bought a little building on the main street.

Later, we started making a Library, but War Work interfered with our plans. At present we have sixty-one books.

In 1914-15, the Homemakers' organized a Field Day to be held on July 1st, where all the schools joined together and had a good time. They also had social evenings at different homes for the High School pupils. Since 1915, the "School Fair" has taken the place of "Field Day." The Club co-operates with Dubuc Agricultural Society in Socials, Dances and Fairs.

During the War, great work was done by our Club, as we gave donations to all War funds asking for same, also knit for the soldiers. Boxes were packed for soldiers; also for people in dried out districts.

This year we held a "Baby Clinic," on July 24th (1920) which proved a great success. Some of our aims for the coming year are:

1. Co-operation between parents and teacher.
2. Women on School Board.
3. Town Hospital.

WHITE HEATHER H.M.C., GOVAN

White Heather Club was organized on February 3rd, 1914, with the assistance of Mrs. George Grant of Wessels Club.

At our initial meeting, eleven members were enrolled and we decided to hold regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

We decided to adopt a Club motto and selected the following short poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

*"Our life is a brief, brief thing;
We are here for a little space
And while we stay, we would like if we may,
To brighten and better the place."*

Our program each month is enjoyed by all. We have enjoyed practical papers on the needs of the Homemaker, such as, the Care of the Baby; Suggestions for the Sickroom; Proper Diet for Young Children; the Feeding of Threshers; Gardening; Butter-making; Curing of Meats; Quick Lunch; Poultry-raising; Efficiency in Housekeeping; Social Life on the Farm; and many other topics. We have adopted the plan of having a review of a good book occasionally which is very helpful and interesting. Also, as part of our program we have piano solos, vocal solos, readings, and some one member is asked to give a short paper on Current Events. This, too, is very interesting, as it keeps us all in touch with the affairs of the day. Our social work has been in the form of social evenings held at some member's home, lawn socials, picnics, etc. These meetings are always enjoyed by every one present and are a great help in bringing the neighborhood together.

In relief work we have packed bales of clothing; also sent money where it was needed; we have several plans for raising money. Once or have several plans for raising money. Once or twice, yearly, we have a thank-offering and each member contributes one dollar. Then, too, we have held very successful cooking sales at which we realized a nice sum. Each member contributes whatever she wishes in the line of

cooking, butter, eggs, poultry, etc., and thus by each member doing her own part we make a good sum. At one of our picnics, we raised \$21.60 by voluntary offering and this was sent to *The Phoenix* for Belgian Food Fund. We also collected \$50.00 to endow a bed in Hospital unit of Saskatchewan; to Belgian Xmas Fund, \$5.00 (per "Peter Pan"); we bought yarn and any of our members who could knit, did so; others who could not, learned to knit; we also bought flannel and made shirts to be sent overseas; we donated to Patriotic Fund, Halifax Fund and Red Cross; we planned for a Rummage Sale, and were presented with several articles, among which was a horse to be sold for Red Cross work. However, as the "Flu" epidemic broke out just at that time, I cannot report on that venture only to say we sold the horse for a good sum and applied to Red Cross. We raised over \$1,000, besides the work we did. We felt at the time it was little compared to what we wished, but as many of our members were busy caring for future homemakers, we cheerfully did what we could.

Our Club purchased a set of dishes for its own use, decorated in green—thus, we have our colors before us when we use them.

We have a fund set apart which we call "The Emergency Fund." This is used to purchase fruit or flowers for our sick in hospital.

A very helpful idea carried out in our Club work is a list of sick room necessities. Each member having an article of use in the sick room is willing to loan it and her name is put down with the name of article; thus, if immediate necessity demands such an article as bedpan, air cushion, feeder for invalid, anything in fact, we know where it can be procured.

Our Club has contributed to the Community Rest Room of Govan, and have undertaken to pay yearly Seventy-five Dollars towards the upkeep, as we feel this is a long felt want. Our sale of home products, just recently, netted us \$65.00 for the Rest Room. To date we have forty paid-up members with still names on the roll of those who left but who possibly might return.

We are indebted to the University Staff for the splendid help we have received, such as lectures, demonstrations on dressmaking and millinery, cooking, etc., from time to time, and the real enjoyment of every member fortunate to be sent to Annual Convention as delegate is inestimable.

Last week, we celebrated our seventh anniversary on February 3rd. One of our members each year contributes a birthday cake and we all enjoy the celebration. We each believe that old saying, namely; "We get out of life according to what we put in it," and apply it to our Club work.

HARTAVEN H.M.C., CREELMAN (1914)

The Hartaven H.M.C. was organized August 1st, 1914. The Club work has consisted of practical work as required by the different situations which arose at different times, particularly work in assisting people in dried out areas and war work. This has been carried on without abatement.

Educational work as seemed appropriate to the times, and as partly shown in the list of subjects given elsewhere was included.

We have, with the exception of one year, been able to send a delegate to the convention.

CADILLAC H.M.C., CADILLAC

(1914)

The Cadillac H.M.C. was organized in 1914. The attendance at our meetings varies from thirty-five to fifty. We find it useful to have standing committees and have chosen the following:

1. Home and School, consisting of three members.
Aim—Co-operation between parents and teachers.
2. Library Committee to take charge of Provincial Travelling Library.

Special Work—

1. Red Cross during War.
2. Assistance given those in need in the community.

Social Work—

1. Annual Thanksgiving Banquet.
2. Picnic (Annual)
3. Hard Times Social.
4. Card Party and Dance.

Programme for 1920

April, May and June—

1. Paper on Current Events
2. Parliamentary Procedure
3. Home Nursing—Bed Making for the Sick.
4. Demonstration—Cake Making, Fruit Canning, Egg Packing.

July, August and September—

1. Current Events.
2. Home and School.

3. Household Science—Soap Making, Curing Meats, Table Setting.

October, November and December—

1. Current Events.
2. Art, Literature, Music.

January, February and March—

1. Current Events.
2. Civics—(1) The Referendum.
(2) School Laws.

LORLIE H.M.C., LORLIE

(1914)

The Lorlie H.M.C. was organized in August, 1914, with a membership of thirteen and having as first President, Mrs. W. Weston.

During the year, papers on various topics were given, chief of which were: How to Interest Girls in Homemaking; Modern Conveniences; Value of Homemakers' Clubs for Women; Canning and Preserving. We also had an interesting demonstration on "Care of a Sick Bed" and "Bandaging."

During the War, we devoted ourselves to War Work without en-

tirely neglecting community work. We raised money by serving ice cream during the Summer, and socials and concerts during the Winter.

In 1915, we sent two delegates to the Convention. Miss Harrison, of the Extension Department, demonstrated "Use of Left Overs." This was found to be a very helpful demonstration.

In 1917, Miss DeLury addressed us on the work of the Homemakers' Club.

In 1918, we petitioned for a Railway Station-house at Lorlie and we now have it.

Since the armistice we have had a course in dressmaking from Miss May of the Extension Department and have continued our educational work.

We have discussed, among other subjects, Dominion and Provincial Laws affecting Women and Children.

We are now endeavoring to minister more directly to the needs of our community and we trust that we may be able to continue our meetings throughout the year.

I feel that we can echo the sentiment expressed by a member of a Club: "To say that our meetings are worth while is evinced by the loyalty of the busiest of mothers who attend the meetings."

SPENCER H.M.C., ANEROID (1915)

We have a rest room in our town which is supported by membership subscriptions, grants from municipal and village councils, teas, and food sales. The Pinto River Homemakers' Club is interested in it, as quite a number of its members are also members of the Women's Club which maintains the Rest Room. But we have a committee of management comprised of one member from each neighborhood tributary to Aneroid. In the beginning we notified the president of each local women's organization in the district to send a representative to our committee meeting if interested, and in that way chose our committee; but since the War is over a number of these locals have gone out of existence. The building in which our rooms are, is the property of the Rural Telephone Co., and the upper rooms are occupied by the operator and her family, and the central office. Then downstairs is divided in two—one side of which is used for council room, men's committee room, etc., and the other the Women's Rest Room. It is a poor location, however, for our purpose and we have about decided to make a change of premises. At present our expenses are about \$18 per month, but we hope to cut it down to \$10 for the summer months at least.

Our woman school trustee is now on her second term, and we have had the school lunch equipment for about four years.

We have a joint stock company hospital built and owned by the people. The municipality takes in the village of Ponteix, in which a Roman Catholic hospital was built some years ago.

DALESBORO H.M.C., DALESBORO (1915)

A few ladies of the district became interested in the work of the Homemakers' Club by attending a neighboring Club. They talked

the matter over with others and after obtaining some literature from Miss DeLury, called a meeting to decide whether we should organize a club in our district. The meeting was called on October 30th, 1915, at the Dalesboro schoolhouse. There were, I think, only six ladies present. It was decided to organize and the officers were elected.

A meeting was called for November 2nd, and an invitation extended to all the ladies in the district. At this meeting there were fourteen present, twelve of whom joined the Club that day. Funds, were, of course, needed, and at the meeting a fowl supper was planned to take place on the 12th of November.

The committee in charge arranged that meetings should be held at the members homes in alphabetical order, each lady to provide lunch, except for special occasions, when we decided otherwise. These rules we still abide by.

Our membership has fluctuated between nine and eighteen members, owing to removals from the district.

We united with the Alameda Club for a Rest Room in Alameda. We have enjoyed a number of combined meetings with the Alameda Club and the Wildwood Club; have had a speaker from the University and have sent a delegate to all but one convention.

During the War we handled \$802.57, besides doing a great deal of sewing and the knitting of 156 pair of socks. Our own settler's relief work has not been neglected.

BRIAR MOUND H.M.C., FOAM LAKE (1915)

Briar Mound Homemakers' Club was organized on August 25, 1915, with an attendance of twelve, who all became members. Briar Mound is the name of our school district, and Foam Lake is our Post Office. During our five years, we have averaged about thirty-eight members. Our first President still holds office by the unanimous vote of the Club.

Since the Club was organized, fifty-one meetings have been held. Busy times and stormy weather prevented the other meetings. In 1918 a quilt was made by the members in the shape and colors of the Union Jack. Tickets were sold at ten cents each and the quilt raffled off until some fifty dollars was realized and given to the Red Cross.

During the War a garment was made and donated to the Club and tickets sold which brought in \$22.50, which was to be used for soldiers' comforts overseas. Various other ways were used to make money for the Red Cross and Belgian Relief during the War. In 1916 the Club put in an application to the Victorian Order for a Nurse to work in the municipality. In October, 1919, our Nurse arrived and is still in the district. To assure payment, she is guaranteed \$100 per month, and what she does not earn herself has to be made up out of the fund which is kept going by membership of the Victorian Order (being one dollar per member) and socials and bazaars. Since our nurse came we have found that it keeps us busy helping to pay her salary as almost all members are busy mothers.

WREFORD H.M.C., NOKOMIS (1915)

The Wreford Homemakers' Club was organised on June 24th, 1915, with fifteen ladies joining and, today, we have forty-two members on our roll. Soon after organizing, we found our Club covering so great a territory that some ladies were prevented from joining. Realizing this, the ladies south decided to have a Club of their own, and some of our members became officers of the Golden West Club. About four years ago, a few of us were asked to help organize a Club east of us, and now the Mt. Hope Club is a very strong, hardworking neighbor.

During the four years of the War, we were employed in War activities by knitting, sewing, donating to the various worthy funds and aiding our local I.O.D.E. in many ways. Through all this time we have tried not to neglect "Home" interests. We have remembered our sick with flowers, fruit or books, through our Welfare Committee, and we have sent many bundles of clothing to needy families at different times.

We feel that our greatest achievement lies in our Rest Room and Library. About four years ago three Clubs, Wreford Home Maker's, Mt. Hope Homemakers' and Bannockburn I.O.D.E. felt so keenly the need of a Ladies' Rest Room in our town, that we decided to have one. The business connected with this Room is managed by a Rest Room Board, comprised of three ladies from each Homemakers' Club, as the Bannockburn I.O.D.E. disbanded about a year ago. Our next step was to place a Library in our Room. Using the University's offer as a nucleus, we now have over five hundred books on our shelves which we have catalogued for the benefit of our subscribers. We charge a fee of one dollar a year and have over one hundred subscribers.

The Homemakers', in planning their work for the last year, wished to carry out Miss DeLury's suggestions regarding study of Home Nursing, Child Welfare, etc. To aid in accomplishing this, on several occasions we have had lectures and demonstrations on these subjects and found them very instructive. Nurse Allan and Nurse Chisholm, of the Provincial Health Department, were here three days and gave a course of lectures which we appreciated very much. If at any time we have a chance to secure a lady to talk to us we always do so. Mrs. Milne gave us a very interesting and instructive talk at one time.

We, in connection with the Mt. Hope Club, had the Blind Girls of Brantford give a concert at Nokomis last summer, which was one of the finest musical treats that ever came to our town.

Last month a Homemakers' Convention was held in Nokomis with Miss DeLury, Miss Thompson and Professor Raynor of the University as speakers. We have a bazaar and Food Sale once a year for the benefit of the Rest Room, and once in a while a tea or food sale for our Club. This helps to keep up the interest and puts quite a little money in our treasury. Our last venture of this kind was on Saturday, December 11th, when we had a Handkerchief bazaar, a food sale and tea. On this we cleared about \$52.00. These affairs we hold in the Rest Room, so we have no rent to pay, and it is really a pleasure for us to get together and work in this way.

We could not do without our Homemakers' Clubs and we should

be very thankful to Miss DeLury and the Extension Department of the University for the help they give us and the interest they take in our work.

MAJOR H.M.C., MAJOR

(1915)

The Major Homemaker's Club was organized five years ago, just when we were in the midst of War, and like many more Clubs we naturally exerted all our energies in Red Cross work for the first three years.

Knitting and sewing was done and sent off, a bazaar was held, lunches, etc., served and sold at every opportunity; our Club had charge of the collecting at the big Drive when every member worked with a will; every home in the district being visited; all our boys were remembered at least twice a year and received a present when they left for overseas.

When the stress of war was over we turned to real Homemakers' work. Helpful papers are read at the meetings, prizes are given for gardens to encourage production, also any family in distress assisted.

Our chief aim now is to have our own Club Room; also to procure a doctor for our district, and to raise money for these schemes we have been selling ice cream, soft drinks, etc., each Saturday in the summer, and tea, cake and pie, etc., in the winter, in one of our stores, through the kindness of one of our storekeepers.

We have twenty-six members on the roll at the present time, and each one of these has the true Homemakers' spirit.

CLAYET H.M.C., CLAVET

(1915)

Having felt for some time the need of bringing the women of the community together for mutual benefit, as well as to enable them more efficiently to aid in alleviating the suffering caused by the War, a meeting was called, and the Clavet Homemakers' Club saw the light of day. The Club was organized on July 14, 1915, with a membership of seven. Each member was duly given an office. As there were more offices to fill than the number of members enrolled, each member agreed to shoulder the responsibility of the remaining ones until more members should come into the fold and graciously relieve us of the surplus responsibility. In this we were not disappointed, as seven more members were added to the roll by the end of the official year the following November, making a total membership of fourteen.

The first thing to decide upon was what to take up as our special work. Appeals for help had come from the Red Cross, and it seemed expedient that we should do what we could for the cause.

Knowing we could do nothing without funds, we set about raising money. But how? Knowing we could hardly do justice to any other social function, we decided on a poverty social. Invitations were sent out, asking everyone everyone to come dressed in appropriate costumes, or suffer the penalty of a fine. Creations in all shades and colors, were

in evidence on the evening of the event, and the lady and gentleman who received the prizes for being dressed in the most poverty stricken costumes, proudly accepted the honor, feeling that for once they had outwitted Dame Fashion. Refreshments in keeping with the nature of the social were served. Soon after this \$20.00 was sent to the Red Cross and Carnegie hardly felt more inward satisfaction when donating his millions than we did when we made our first donation of \$20.00 to the Red Cross.

Finding that we did not know as much about the Red Cross as we wished, one member wrote a paper which fully explained the origin and the mission of the Society.

Our membership for some time the second year, numbered only ten, but as "hope springs eternal in the human breast," we carried on as best we could.

At Christmas time and again in 1917, boxes containing toilet articles, socks and handkerchiefs, were sent to Clavet boys overseas. We also sent our first donation to the Belgian Flour Fund. We cannot here refrain from mentioning "Peter Pan" of Regina, who so zealously worked for the Belgian cause. Can those of us who sent our reports to "Prairie Farm and Home" ever forget her cheery "Top o' the morning" and her ever cheering talks of happiness? When we were well nigh discouraged with our reports, "Peter Pan's" footnotes would ever inspire us to better work, and to higher ideals of Club work.

During the first year, little touches here and there were applied to perfect the organization of the Club. We chose pink for our color, and the carnation for the Club flower. We also chose a Club motto: "Service—not how little, but how much."

In August, 1916, we adopted a Belgian family. A few months later, a second Belgian family was adopted, and, also, a prisoner of war. These two families we agreed to support until the end of the War. When the U. S. generously undertook to care for the Belgians, we found other channels for our activity. Our prisoner of war, however, we kept until the end of the War. Each member pledged herself to donate \$1.00 each month for his support and in that way we were able to send him, regularly, his monthly allowance. At the close of the War we undertook to support a child of a French soldier killed in battle. We decided to make, at least, one widowed mother happy, by sending her, in quarterly instalments, the wherewithal with which to save her from parting with her child. The letters of appreciation received from our little protegee and her mother, more than repay us for what we still are sending them.

We have tried to do what we could for the community. In 1917 the Club asked the local Grain Growers' to join with us and hold a Fair. They readily agreed, and in March we held our first Seed and Domestic Science Fair. The Fair was a success, and has been held each year since then—an established institution. The Domestic Science products of the Club, the seed, vegetables, of the Grain Growers' and the School work exhibited, are judged by judges from the University. Dinner is served and the proceeds equally divided between the Club and the Grain Growers. In September, the Club took advantage of the University grant and established a library.

Since August, 1918, the Club has paid for the cleaning of the Church, and also for the regular janitor work of the Clavet Church. Each Christmas since 1918, the Club has given the children of the community a treat on Christmas Eve, when a Christmas tree and a program are enjoyed by all.

At different times, we have made presentations to members of the Club, and to others, in the form of "Showers" and "Surprises."

This summer, we have had a social evening once a month. Ice cream has been sold. The program consisting of music, recitations, etc., was given free.

At each meeting we serve lunch and enjoy a program consisting of papers on numerous subjects, music, readings, etc.

We have studied the laws affecting women and children in Saskatchewan, and the school laws, and find we have gained something worth while. At one time, we took up the study of the world's great artists and their masterpieces. Each member was to give a sketch of the life of such artist as Bonheur, Hoffman, Raphael, Angelo, etc.; also interesting facts about their most famous paintings. Reproductions of the world's masterpieces were shown.

We have had a few demonstrators from the University, but hope to take more advantage in the future of the courses offered by the University than we have in the past.

Just a word about the annual convention. Some of us have the convention habit, and are greatly benefitted each time we attend. The cordial welcome and entertainment given us by our Director, Miss DeLury, and her staff, at the University, the exchange of ideas and the inspiration it all gives, cannot but make us stronger and more sincere in our work.

During the five years since our organization, the money actually expended by the Club amounts to \$2,268.34. The past two years we have been somewhat handicapped on account of crop failure. However, we have carried on as best we could and to those who are faithful, is known the joy of service. The average membership has been sixteen. Four of these are charter members: Mrs. P. A. Koll, Mrs. M. S. DuBois, Mrs. A. B. Jones and Mrs. A. G. Hanson.

For the benefit of the Clubs that may at times feel discouraged, we wish to say that we have also had our problems to solve, and more than one obstacle has been in our path, but by patient and sincere endeavor, each difficulty can be overcome and spur us on to nobler efforts.

"Then welcome each rebuff that turns earth's smoothness rough,
Each sting that bids nor sit, nor stand, but go."

DOUGLASTON H.M.C., WILLMAR (1916)

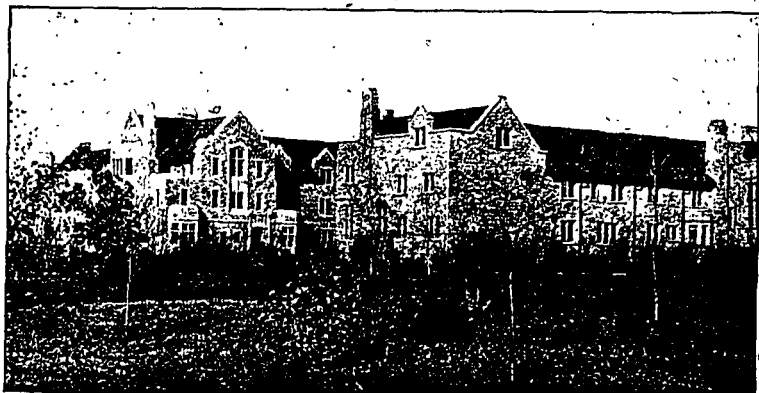
Douglaston H.M.C. was organized in November, 1916. We wanted to have some kind of organization in which we could work together for our country's need and we decided to have a Homemakers' Club. We started with a membership of nine, now we have eighteen and expect more.

At first, we devoted ourselves entirely to War work and handed our funds over to the Red Cross. Now, we are devoting our efforts to Welfare Work in the Province and to helping our own community needs, such as the Church. We are a Rural Club and were it not for the Club, some of our members we would never have the opportunity of seeing. We enjoy the social time and during the winter, our husbands share it with us, and they enjoy the opportunity made for them to get together and discuss subjects of interest. At our last meeting the Club were unanimous in saying that we felt we had been most benefitted by our social meetings and the free interchange of ideas at those meetings.

STONY LAKE H.M.C., EAST ANGLIA (1916)

The Stony Lake branch of Homemakers' Clubs was organized on May 23rd, 1916. Mrs. A. J. Wells and Mrs. James Smith of Minnehaha, assisted in organizing. Eight members were enrolled. The Club was organized for the purpose of co-operation in War Relief Work. Also as a social and community Club it has been a success.

This Club's motto is "In Union is Strength."



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MOUNT HOPE H.M.C., NOKOMIS (1916)

The Mount Hope Homemakers' Club was organized on June 28th, 1916. The officers from the Wrexford Club very kindly assisted in getting the machinery in working order. There were ten charter members and the membership has steadily grown until now there are forty-eight members enrolled.

Our receipts up to the present time have been nearly eight hundred dollars. We obtained our money by giving teas, food sales, lawn socials, picnics, dinners, sale of old iron, an autograph quilt, etc. During the War we used our proceeds for wool for knitting socks, and flannelette for garments. We also made donations to the Y.M.C.A., Red Cross, Blue Cross, Relief Funds, etc. We also packed Christmas boxes for the

boys from our district, and gave aid to any needy person that came to our notice.

We have established a flower fund and make it a point to send either fruit or flowers to any who are ill in our district.

In 1917, we, in conjunction with the Wreford Homemakers' Club and the Bannockburn I.O.D.E., established a Rest Room and Library in Nokomis. This takes much of our ready cash, but it is well worth the effort, and we feel it would be impossible to be without a Rest Room in our town now; we hold our meetings the last Thursday of each month and always have a program after the business session.

Our Club work has been the means of establishing a wholesome social atmosphere in our midst. Our women have become accustomed to expressing their ideas in an intelligent manner, they have become familiar with Parliamentary Law and can conduct a meeting in public without timidity. They have learned to think for themselves on national issues, and have gained in self-reliance and self-control. There has been but little friction from clashing ideas.

The annual Convention at Saskatoon has been a source of inspiration to the delegates, who, in turn, carry the spirit home to the Club. We also sent a delegate to the Social Service Congress at Regina in 1916, which proved to be an intellectual treat.

Thus far we have not given any material aid to our schools, as our funds have not been sufficient. Our membership extends into three school districts and it would be necessary to help each, if any at all. However, we hope to do something along this line in the near future.

ELTHAM H.M.C., PLUNKETT

(1917)

The Eltham H.M.C. was organized in February, 1917, with a membership of fifteen. In 1918-19, our membership increased to twenty-five.

During the summer months we held our meetings every two weeks at the members' homes, and in the winter, we meet in the schoolhouse. Owing to the many calls for help we felt that by forming a Club we could raise funds and also take up various kinds of needlework and knitting for the benefit of our soldiers.

We were able to contribute altogether by collections, concerts, sale of needlework, \$270 to the Red Cross fund. Also, a number of boxes were sent overseas to those who enlisted from our district.

In the Fall of 1919, we were able to send thirty dollars to the dried out area.

This year, we have purchased a home nursing equipment, the cost of which amounted to twenty-nine dollars. It is to be kept and used for the benefit of the district.

GREAT WEST H.M.C., WAPELLA

(1917)

The Great West Homemakers' Club was organized on June 29th, 1917, with a membership of fifteen, and with the immediate aim of as-

sisting as much as possible in Red Cross and other work. With our first membership fees and a donation from two of the members, we bought our first flannelette for pyjamas, and yarn for socks. We also received a donation of remnants from the T. Eaton Company and Christie Grant, Winnipeg, and each one of us took home a remnant and made a garment for a sale of work and tea, which we held in December. At this sale we also had a table of home products for sale and, altogether, we realized the sum of \$124.25. One hundred dollars of this we gave to the Red Cross Society, and ten dollars to the Halifax relief fund.

During 1918, we devoted ourselves solely to Red Cross work and to Relief Work. We entertained our men folk and families at an Easter Social on Good Friday, and in July we had a Red Cross Lawn Social.

In 1919, as the War was over, we gave our attention to unfortunate and needy in our midst. We held a second Easter Social, this time in honor of the returned boys of our neighborhood, which was well attended and very much enjoyed. In July, we had a Lawn Social in aid of a proposed Memorial Hospital in Wapella. At an October meeting we had a musical programme and an address on "First Aid" by our local doctor which was interesting and helpful. In November, we again entertained our men folk and families to a fowl supper at which sixty-five sat down.

Since 1920, we have given ten dollars to the Wapella Benevolent Aid Society, and in July had a Barn Dance at one of our member's farms and made over one hundred dollars. For the first time since our organization, we sent a delegate to the Homemakers' Convention, this summer, who came home with a splendid report and glowing accounts of her visit there.

GLEN BAIN H.M.C., KINCAID (1917)

On April 26, 1917, the Glen Bain Homemakers' Club was organized with twenty-two industrious and energetic members. All being interested in the great European War at this time, the members became able Red Cross workers. Money for this great work was raised in various ways. At the termination of the War, a free oyster supper was given by the Club to show their appreciation to all those who had so ably upheld them in their work.

The influenza epidemic visited us and took our secretary, Mrs. Stapleton.

Fir trees were donated by members of the Club and planted at the foot of the graves of two of the departed members.

It is customary for the Club to send flowers to sick folk within the vicinity.

The Roll Call at each meeting was responded to by a hint or helpful idea of some kind, or an Irish joke.

A Sick committee is appointed every three months to report sick calls at the meetings.

Delegates from the Club have been sent each year to the convention at Saskatoon. The 1919 delegate, Mrs. Wood, was made a Vice-President of the Saskatchewan Homemakers' Convention.

A Victorian Order Nurse resides within the municipality. Some objection arose last year concerning the maintenance of this nurse. The Homemakers' Club petitioned the Council with the result that she remained. The question of aiding the Vanguard Hospital was discussed but it was decided it was more beneficial to have the Victorian Order Nurse.

Clothing was made and sent by the Club to some of the destitute areas, in 1919-20. It is customary for the Club to assist any of the less fortunate people within the vicinity. Much sewing has been done by the members for mothers who have much work to do. Two parcels have been sent to the Childrens' Shelter, Moose Jaw. Letters of acknowledgment have been received by the Matron, showing how these were appreciated.

A program committee was appointed for three months during the winter. Much pleasure has been derived from same.

The Club is contemplating having a Flour Bag Social, this Fall, a prize to awarded to the one making the most useful article from a flour bag.

Twenty-five cents was taken from the treasury and given to each member to make as much money as possible for the Club in order to raise funds to carry on the work.

Since the beginning of the Glen Bain Homemakers' Club, the number of members have increased to forty-two, and we hope in the future to continue the good work we have begun.

MAPLE LEAF H.M.C., RATNER

(1918)

The Maple Leaf Homemakers' Club in the Ratner district was organised on March 5th, 1918. We started with eleven members, all being in favor of working for the Red Cross. Material for making up was bought to the amount of \$345.

At the signing of the Armistice, many of the members withdrew their membership, having only joined the Homemakers' Club for the duration of the War, having an Aid of their own.

We work for the worthy causes in our own district.

Our membership for 1920 is eighteen. We are drawn from a radius of thirty-six miles. Ratner being in the centre of a Jewish and Galician settlement, we find it a difficult matter to secure new members. Most of the girls leave home when they leave school, for work.

BEAVERDALE H.M.C., BEAVERDALE

(1919)

The Beaverdale Homemakers' Club was organized on March 4th, 1919. We meet jointly, with the Beaverdale Missionary Society. We also meet during the Winter months with the Grain Growers' Local, having our meeting in different rooms. We have a question box which we find very helpful to the members, each member answering the questions in turn. We have a Rest Room fund on hand, but for the time

being, we have discontinued the Rest Room; when we take it up again, we want to co-operate with the Calderville-Homemakers'. The members get great help from the bulletins sent out from the University. We sent for and secured the bulletins on Laws Affecting Women and Children, and we hope to study these so that we may the better use our franchise.

DOUGLAS H.M.C., VANGUARD

(1919)

Our Club was organized May 23, 1919. Our first meeting found us with a membership of ten. Our first efforts were confined to raising funds and for this purpose we held a picnic and established a quarterly ten cent tea for members and their friends.

In October, Mrs. Milne of Qu'Appelle demonstrated many things bearing on household economy. We found it of great benefit.

Our community effort has mainly been directed towards helping the Vanguard Hospital with supplies of linen, etc. We have a committee to visit the patients and to take flowers, etc., to them.

SPRING VALLEY H.M.C., SPRING VALLEY

(1919)

During the War the women of our Community were organized for Red Cross Work. When the War ended we decided to organize a Homemakers' Club and Miss Patrick from the University came and organized on May 22, 1919. We began work with ten members and ended the year with twenty-five.

In July, following organization, we bought a building, 16 x 24, for a Community and had it moved to a lot which we had purchased. Our efforts have been, mainly, towards raising funds to pay for and furnish this building. Our cottage is the only public meeting place in the village and has proved of great benefit to the social life of the district. Beside being our meeting place, it is at the disposal of the public for any gathering of a worthy nature. Our school became too small and we rented our cottage for a year to the School Board, though reluctant to give up our "little home." Now that we are free from debt, we intend to spend a good deal of time in sewing for a Baby's Home.

Our meetings have been largely occupied by routine business in connection with our work, but always ending with the social half hour. Now, an interest is being shown in programmes touching Child Welfare. While the material benefits provided by our Club are not to be slighted, perhaps its most important function is in supplying a bond of common interest among people otherwise separated by distance, race, religion or the pressing duties attached to settling in a new country.

VERWOOD H.M.C., VERWOOD

(1919)

The Verwood Homemakers' Club was organized in November, 1919. We began with a small membership, but now have twenty-eight members.

We have interested ourselves in Home Nursing and have had courses in Sewing and Millinery, and in Household Science, from the University.

We sent a delegate to the Homemakers' Convention in June and enjoyed her report very much. We still feel "new" to the work but are looking forward to good work next year.

~~VERA~~ H.M.C., VERA

(1919)

The Vera Homemakers' Club was organized in May, 1919, with a membership of eighteen ladies. After sixteen months, we have a membership of thirty-six.

Our most important work up to this time has been getting people interested in Club-work and getting people of the community together to get better acquainted and awakened to see what should be done to better the conditions under which we are living and raising our children.

The Club has held picnics, social evenings, and fowl suppers, when a social time has been the main object. At different times admission fees was charged or a collection taken; this money was used to buy flannelette which was made into night-gowns, and given to a hospital that is largely kept up by donations. At another time, towelling was bought and three dozen towels were made and given to the hospital.

The Club ran a lunch booth at the Grain Growers' Picnic at which they made eighty dollars. Thirty-five of this went towards an invalid chair for the hospital. We also purchased dishes for use at our gatherings.

All arrangements were made for the free medical examination of children under five years; this, however, was postponed on account of typhoid fever breaking out, making it impossible for the doctor to get here; but we are looking forward to having the examination at a later date.

A committee is working on a Rest Room in Unity. Our plan is to co-operate with the other Clubs of the surrounding districts.

Our greatest difficulty so far is getting many members to act on committees and take part in programs.

I might say we did not have any directors this year but find it is not so easy to get along without them. I believe next year every one will want directors again.

LAKE VALLEY H.M.C., LAKE VALLEY

Our club was organized in November, 1919, and during the ensuing year we enrolled thirty-five members.

During 1920, we contributed \$100 toward Relief Work, paid \$150 for a new garage and fitted it up for a Rest Room which cost \$150 more. Also, we contributed \$200 toward church decoration and sent two delegates to the Homemakers' Convention.

We spent \$33.60 on flowers for the sick and have \$45.00 in the Bank and no outstanding debts.

KELVINGSIDE H.M.C., KELVINGTON

(1919)

The Kelvingside Homemakers' Club was organized August 1, 1919.

Since the organization of our Club, we have, perhaps, in the view of the community at large, accomplished very little. However, in the six months work of last year we struggled bravely to keep life in our newly formed club, and considering that we have but five active members, we feel that "keeping alive" was in itself an accomplishment and a means to an end of greater things to come.

We began our club work with a very efficient leader, Mrs. A. C. Webb, as President. Miss Norman Massey, teacher, as Secretary, did wonderful work with us, giving unstintedly of her time and talent.

Mrs. E. Thompson, as Director, worked faithfully to make the club a success, as also did Mrs. J. Gowan, and while we had but few active members, we have a great appreciation for all who so kindly helped with our suppers and entertainments.

At our first meeting it was agreed to co-operate with the teacher of our school, in holding a school fair and organizing a "Boys' and Girls' Club."

Exhibits were to be made of school work and gardening, also of canning, baking, handwork, chickens, livestock, etc. This fair held in



The University Bridge, Saskatoon

the fair proved a great success and was a credit to all concerned, teacher, club and parents. Thanks are also due to ratepayers of district who contributed to the prize fund.

Our second meeting held August 22, was an executive meeting to do with forwarding the work of school fair and to count the proceeds of ratepayers contribution which was found to be \$10. As we have a small school district we considered this contribution very good.

Our third meeting was held September 6, with an attendance of six. Aside from a few domestic questions discussed this meeting was purely social and proved a very enjoyable affair. A delightful lunch was served before adjourning. Refreshments were prepared for all meetings by a committee of two, previously appointed.

Our next meeting of Oct. 8, was an executive meeting to find a means of raising money for treasury fund, which hitherto had been

supplied by membership fees only, and this being only 25 cents each member, it was thought necessary to raise some money at once, and a Fowl Supper and Concert was decided upon.

At a meeting of Oct. 16, final arrangements were made for this supper. The following menu was decided upon:

Chicken	Roast Beef	Spiced Ham
	Hot Creamed Potatoes, Gravy	
Salads		Jellies
Pickles		Cranberries
	Pies	
	Raisin, Mince, Lemon, Berry, etc.	
	Cakes, Bread, Buns	
	Tea and Coffee	

This supper was furnished by ladies of the community.

Our President, Mrs. Webb, kindly gave the use of her home for the serving of supper. After supper a delightful entertainment was held in the schoolhouse furnished by Miss Massey and pupils. The tickets sold for this supper were priced at \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children under 12. This supper and concert proved a great success and at our next meeting held Nov. 14, it was found we had cleared over \$50 and above expenses. It was decided to use a part of this fund to provide for a Christmas tree to be held in the school house on Dec. 20. The school children rendered an exceptionally good program during the evening after which each child in the district was the recipient of a suitable gift presented by the Homemakers. Candy and nuts having been distributed to all, the club proceeded to serve the usual refreshments and the evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

This brought to a close our year's club work for 1919. We have a much broader campaign planned for the coming year, and invite all who are interested to join us.

LIST OF SUBJECTS CONTRIBUTED BY CLUBS

Importance of Social Life in a Country Home	Hartaven
Bread-Making	Hartaven
Value of Annual Fair	Hartaven
Woman Suffrage	Hartaven
Saskatchewan Citizenship	Hartaven
Parliamentary Rules	Hartaven
Vegetable Gardening	Hartaven
Shrubs and Vines	Hartaven
Physical Features and Industries of Saskatchewan	Hartaven
Books for Boys and Girls under Fourteen Years	Hartaven
Canning	Hartaven
Better Babies	Hartaven
Preservation of Food	Hartaven
How to Interest Girls in Homemaking	Lorlie
Modern Conveniences	Lorlie
Bandaging and Care of Sick Bed	Lorlie
Use of Left-Overs	Lorlie
Work of Homemaker's Club	Lorlie
Dominion and Provincial Laws affecting Women and Children	Lorlie

Residence Life at the Homemakers' Convention

To mention a convention is frequently sufficient to call up a memory of a series of interminable meetings, of long speeches, of pointed and pointless discussions, of excessive fatigue, and seldom or never of restful hours, "sweet dreams and quiet breathings." But a convention of Homemakers would be a contradiction of its name, did it not include the restful element of the home, and it is in residence within the massive and stately walls of the University of Saskatchewan, that the Homemakers in council find a home away from home. Saskatchewan is unique in the advantages it can offer its citizens through the medium of the University. It caters not only to the student and the teacher, but also to the farmer, the adolescent, the returned soldier and his dependents, and even to the farmwoman whose normal life is spent in making a home.

The value of a week's residence in the University can not be overestimated. To many it is a first glimpse of what a home under the best conditions might become. We all realize how bare life has had to be to many dwellers on the prairie, how devoid of arrangement, of management, of elegance, of comfort. The woman who had her first holiday in twenty years when she came as a delegate from her Homemakers' Club to the Convention, could not hide her emotion when she told how she had never dreamed of the possibility of living in such a lovely place, with everything done for her and with the utmost ease and comfort, and it would have touched the most callous heart to watch the delight that each new day brought to this patient pioneer of the prairie. Is it for nothing that the walls of the spacious College Halls are hung with copies of gems from the world's treasures of Art? Surely any observant woman who looks at each picture, who hears from time to time a word about the Corot, the Greuze, or the Rembrandt, must get a new vision of what one good picture could mean on the wall of her little living-room, an idea that she, too, might foster a love of true art in this great, new country. Again, the very nature of the furnishings of her room in the University is an eye-opener. Her bedroom at home is probably hung with ribbon and lace, and crowded with curiously shaped, inartistic furniture, and now she wonders if plain solid oak, in straight lines, standing the test of time and hard wear, would not have given a better return for her money and lent a note of permanence to her home. The idea has penetrated into her mind, and in due time it will have an effect on her surroundings.

The social side of the Convention is most in evidence in the dining-room, when the delegates foregather in groups, comparing notes, exchanging experiences, making acquaintance, and incidentally renewing the inner woman. The main pleasure here is not merely gastronomic. The average western woman keeps her eyes open and wants to see how things are done. With quiet attention she notes the setting of the table, the service, the elements of a well-balanced, appetizing, and sufficient meal. She can examine the latest and best cooking utensils and dish-washing devices in the kitchen, can visit the residence of the maids,

and learn that the maid should be as well housed as the mistress, if efficiency and contentment are desired.

The evenings of a Convention week are a renewal of youth to many a prairie matron, for here she forgets the mellowing influence of the years, and reveals an unlooked-for aptitude in community and solo singing, and an amazing youthfulness in "tripping the light fantastic toe." If otherwise inclined she has the chance of making a harvest of recipes, garnered from Mrs. Milne's unfathomable store, of getting hints on dressmaking and millinery, on nursing and hygiene from Miss May, or Miss Allan, or Miss Thompson, and generally of "making hay while the sun shines." "Opportunities missed are lost" is a maxim that holds little terror for Homemakers, for they get full value every time. Nor would it do to overlook the pleasant strolls through the University grounds, where columbine, sweet william, pink and pansy are with each other in beauty and in fragrance, and prove by their very presence that the prairie can be persuaded to "blossom as the rose."

Amid such pleasing surroundings, with the Residence Staff doing everything possible to insure comfort and happiness, with Miss DeLury presiding over and directing the whole course of the Convention, and enlisting the assistance of the ablest lecturers and demonstrators available, with a glorious June sky overhead, and contentment in all hearts, is it any wonder that the woman who has once been to Convention is eager to retrace her steps to this Mecca of farmwomen, to return once and again to the Homemakers' Alma Mater?

ELIZABETH G. CAMERON

And I cried, "If I may not stay in Heaven, then let me go down to Hell, and I will grasp the hands of men and women there; and slowly, holding one another's hands, we will work our way upwards."

Still God pointed.

And I threw myself upon the earth and cried, "Earth is so small, so mean! It is not meet a soul should see Heaven and be cast out again."

And God laid his hand on me, and said: "Go back to earth; *that which you seek is there.*"—Dreams: Olive Schreiner.

Programmes of Homemakers' Conventions

1911

Tuesday, January 31st

- 1.30 Registration of Delegates.
- 2.00 Women's Clubs; Their Nature and Purpose.—Miss Lillian K. Beynon.
- 2.30 Experiences With Women's Institutes in Ontario.—Mrs. Lorne J. Elliott.
- 3.15 Appointment of a Committee to Recommend a Form of Constitution for Women's Clubs.
- 3.45 The Importance of Social Life in Country Homes.—Mrs. N. L. McClung.
Musical numbers provided by the Women's Musical Club.

Wednesday, February 1st.

- Model Women's Club Meeting—Miss Lillian K. Beynon presiding.
- 1.30 Formal Opening.
- 1.45 A Model Kitchen.—Miss E. Cora Hind.
- 2.25 Growing Strawberries in Saskatchewan.—Norman M. Ross.
- 3.00 House Plants; Their Care and Propagation.—Mrs. R. E. Purdy.
- 3.45 Fattening and Marketing Poultry.—W. A. Wilson.
- 4.30 Domestic Bookkeeping.—Mrs. W. R. Motherwell.
Musical numbers provided by the Women's Musical Club.

Thursday, February 2nd.

- Model Women's Club Meeting—Mrs. Lorne J. Elliott presiding.
- 1.30 Formal Opening.
- 1.45 Cooking Demonstration by Miss Joan Hamilton.
- 3.45 Our Domestic Water Supply.—Dr. G. A. Charlton.
- 4.15 Hints on Home Nursing.—Dr. Mary Crawford.
Musical numbers provided by the Women's Musical Club.

Friday, February 3rd.

- 9.00 What Women's Clubs Can Do for Our Public Schools.—Miss Lillian K. Beynon.
- 9.45 Report of the Constitutional Committee.
- 10.30 Plans of the College of Agriculture for assisting Women's Clubs.—Hedley Auld.
- 10.50 The Delegate's Duty after the Convention.—Miss Mary S. Mantle.
- 11.20 Domestic Science Training for Saskatchewan Women.—Hon. W. R. Motherwell.

Note.—At this convention the present Constitution for Homemakers' Clubs was adopted and the name "Homemakers' Clubs of Saskatchewan" chosen for the organization.

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Saskatoon, Feb. 6, 7, 8, 9.

Tuesday, February 6.

- 2.15 Greetings.
- 2.30 House Plants.
- 3.00 Home Decoration and Furnishing.
- 4.00 Cooking Demonstration—Cheese.

Wednesday, February 7

- 10.00 Home Nursing.
- 10.45 How to Get More Reading Matter.
- 11.20 Memories of an Oldtime Garden.
- 2.15 What a Homemakers' Club Is.
- 2.50 Nutritive Value of Foods.
- 3.50 Demonstration: Cutting and Fitting a Waist.

Thursday, February 8.

- 10.00 Profitable Poultry Production.
- 11.00 The home dairy.
- 2.15 Entertainment for Winter Evenings in the Country.
- 2.50 How Parents Can Help the Teacher.
- 3.15 Cooking Demonstration—Soups.
- 5.00 The Home Flower Garden.

Friday, February 9.

- 10.00 Homemakers' Clubs—What They Have Done and Can Do.
10.35 Growing Small Fruits.
11.15 Household Conveniences.
Adjournment.

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February 6.

Amusements in the Home.—Mrs. Storer, Battleford.
Reading in the Home.—Miss Mary Mantle, Winnipeg.
Decoration and Furnishing.—Mrs. Jean Lyons, Saskatoon.
Homemakers' Clubs.—Mrs. A. V. Thomas, Winnipeg.

February 7.

What a Club Can Do.—Miss Mary Mantle.
The Home Garden.—Mrs. A. P. Stevenson.
Indoor Gardening.—Mrs. R. J. Underwood, Prince Albert.
Poultry and Egg Production.—Mrs. A. Cooper, Treebank, Man.

February 8.

Hygiene in the Home.—Miss Mary Sawyer, Saskatoon.
The Care of Milk.—Mr. William Newman.
Infectious Diseases.—Dr. W. J. McKay, Health Officer, Saskatoon.

February 9:

Care of the Teeth.—Dr. F. R. Graham, Estevan.
The Home Laundry.—Miss Ethel Tennant, University of Saskatchewan.

May, 1914

Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Address of Welcome.—Dr. Murray, Dean Rutherford.
Environments.—Mrs. Dracas, Paynton H.M.C.
Poultry for Profit.—Prof. Baker, University of Sask.

Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Address.—Mrs. A. V. Thomas, Winnipeg.
First Aid to the Injured.—Mrs. T. W. Wright, Grenfell H.M.C.
Child Training.—Mrs. Robertson, Bradwell H.M.C.
Co-operative Marketing.—W. W. Thomson, Department of Agriculture.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

Our Opportunities.—Miss I. Armstrong, Regina, Sask.
The Highworth Club-room.—Mrs. W. Ellis, Highworth H.M.C.
The Fruit Garden.—Norman M. Ross, Indian Head Forestry Farm.
Address.—Miss Mantle, Winnipeg.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

District Nursing.—Mary Aird MacKenzie, Supt. Victorian Order of Nurses.
Trees, Flowers, Shrubs.—Norman M. Ross.
School Gardening.—Mr. Snell, Principal Saskatoon Normal School.

Friday, 9.30 a.m.

Conservation of Child Life.—Dr. M. M. Seymour, Health Dept., Regina.
Greetings from Manitoba.—Mrs. H. W. Dayton, Virden Home Economics Club.
Home and School Sanitation.—Miss Day, Director Household Science, Regina Public School.
The Trend of Modern Education.—Mr. T. N. Pegrett, Principal, Regina Normal School.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Educational Value of Dramatic Training.—Miss Josephine Nugent, Canora H.M.C.
The Production of Farm Crops in Saskatchewan.—Prof. Bracken, University of Sask.

May, 1915

Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Address of Welcome.—President Murray; Dean Rutherford.
Address.—Dr. Wilson, Regina Normal School.

Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Our Book Shelves.—Miss Mary Mantle, Regina, Sask.
Address.—Mr. Snell, Saskatoon Normal School.
Poultry Keeping.—Professor Baker, University.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

The Work of the Department of Field Husbandry (illustrated).—Professor Bracken.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

Business Session; Discussion; Reading of Reports.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

Living Twenty-four Hours a Day.—Mrs. A. V. Thomas, Winnipeg, Man.
Work of Women Grain Growers' Association.—Mrs. McNaughton, President, Saskatchewan W.G.G.A.
Visit to University Grounds and Buildings.

Thursday, 8 p.m.

Lantern Slide Lecture.—Mr. Norman Ross, Indian Head, Sask.

Friday, 9.30 a.m.

Common Physical Defects of School Children.—Dr. Annabel McEwan, Medical Inspector, Medicine Hat Schools.
The War and Some of its Outcomes.—Mrs. Arthur Murphy, Edmonton, Alta.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Women's Work in Manitoba.—Mrs. Dayton, President Home Economics Clubs, Man.
The Value of Co-operation.—W. W. Thomson, Regina, Sask.

June, 1916

Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Address of Welcome.—Dr. Murray; Dean Rutherford.
Director's Report.—Miss DeLury.
Election of Presiding Officers
Address: Woman's Present-day Responsibilities.—Mrs. W. R. Motherwell.
Address: Care and Furnishing of a Home.—Mrs. Arthur, Redvers H.M.C.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Address: Music in the Home, with illustrations.—Miss Phillips, Saskatoon.

Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Address: Medical Aid.—Mrs. MacNaughton, President W.G.G.A.
Address: Ruthenian Women's Club Work.—Mrs. Kirstuik, Theodore.
Address: Mrs. Dayton, Manitoba.
Address: Reading for the Home.—Dr. Wilson, University of Saskatchewan.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Concert.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

Address: What Has Saskatchewan Done for Her Slavic Mothers?—Mr. Anderson, Inspector of Schools, Yorkton.
Address: Mrs. A. V. Thomas, Winnipeg.
Address: Mrs. Haight, W.G.G.A.
Address: Poultry.—Professor Baker.

Reports and Discussion.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

Friday, 9.30 a.m.

Address: Medical Inspection of Schools.—Dr. Thomson, Regina.

Address: S. E. Greenway.

Address: Mrs. Jones, Alameda H.M.C.

Address: Mr. Snell, Normal School, Saskatoon.

Address: Gardening.—Mr. Lake.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Discussion and Reports.

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Wednesday, 2 p.m.

The Maple Leaf Forever.

Address of Welcome.—Dr. Murray, University.

Reply to Address of Welcome.—Mrs. Dracas, Paynton H.M.C.

Director's Report.—Miss DeLury.

Manitoba Home Economics Clubs.—Mrs. Dayton, President Manitoba H.E.C.

The Red Cross Organization.—Prof. Moxon, Organizer of Red Cross Work, Northern Saskatchewan.

Evening: Festival, Held at Cairn's Field, Saskatoon.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

The Needs of the Province for the Conservation of Health.—Miss Brown, Director of School Hygiene for Saskatchewan.

Men, Women and Children.—Mrs. Napier, Regina.

Alberta Women's Institutes.—Miss Noble, President Alberta W.I.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

Food in Relation to the Conservation of Health.—Mrs. Rutter, Household Science Instructor, University.

Discussion of Present-Day Housekeeping Problems.—Led by Mrs. Milne, Qu'Appelle H.M.C.

Reports and Discussion.

Friday, 9.30 a.m.

Address: Ukrainian Literature.—Mrs. Florence Randall Livesay, Winnipeg.

Address: Mr. Snell, Principal Saskatoon Normal School.

Physical Training for Our Children.—Miss Crawford, Physical Training Instructor, University.

Address: Dean Rutherford, University.

Friday, 2 p.m.

The Education League.—Mr. Bates, Director of School Agricultural Extension.
Reports and Discussion.

Evening: Assembly Hall, University.—Play by the Young People of Saskatoon;
"Timothy's Garden."

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Tuesday, June 25th, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Miss DeLury.

Opening Chorus.

Address of Welcome.—Dr. Murray, University.

Reply to Address of Welcome.—Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Davidson H.M.C.

Boys' and Girls' Club Work in Saskatchewan.—Mr. Raynor, Director.

Appointment of Committees and Announcements.

Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. A. Currie, White Heather H.M.C., Govan.

1. Report of Women's Conference at Ottawa; 2. Local Council of Women in Saskatchewan.—Mrs. Walter Murray, University.

Director's Report.—Miss DeLury.

Review of Homemakers' Club Work in Saskatchewan.—Mrs. Dracas, Paynton H.M.C.

Address.—Dr. Snell, University of Saskatchewan.

Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.

Piano Recital.—Pupils of the St. John-Baker Studio.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Neal, Mantario H.E.S.

Address: "Present Day Problems."—Dr. Hogg, University of Saskatchewan.

Manitoba Home Economics Association.—Mrs. Dayton, President Manitoba H.E.S.

Address: Mr. Greenway, Director of Agricultural Extension, University of Saskatchewan.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Cady, Bradwell H.M.C.

Address.—Miss Clendenan, Farmer's Advocate.

Reports of Committees; Discussion; Club Reports.

Thursday, 8.30 p.m.

Concert.

Friday, 9.30 a.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Wright, Grenfell H.M.C.

Poultry Keeping in War Time.—Professor Baker, University of Saskatchewan.

Household Science Courses for Girls.—Mrs. Rutter, University of Saskatchewan.

How the Press Can Help Women's Club Work.—Miss McCallum, Grain Grower's Guide.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Ketcheson, Davidson H.M.C.

Rural Education.—Professor Bates, Director of School of Agriculture.

Education in Citizenship.—Mrs. Myers, Saskatoon.

Address.—Dean Rutherford, University of Saskatchewan.

Note.—Consultation on Food Conservation and Sewing Courses provided for.

June 1919

Tuesday, June 24th, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Davidson H.M.C., Chairman of Convention.

Opening Chorus.

Address of Welcome.—Dr. Murray, University.

Reply to Address of Welcome.—Mrs. Angus Currie, Govan White Heather H.M.C.

Chairman's Address.—Mrs. W. F. Cameron.

Report of Secretary of Convention.—Miss Edith Patrick.

Report of Director H.M.C.—Miss DeLury.

Appointment of Committees and Announcements.

Tuesday, 8.30 p.m.

Community Singing.—Mrs. Helen Davies Sherry, Saskatoon.

Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Burrows, Regina H.M.C.

British Columbia Women's Institutes.—Mrs. C. Cartridge, Kelowna, B.C.

Report of National Council Work.—Mrs. Walter Murray, University.

1. Report of Federation of Women's Institutes; 2. Organization of Provincial Council.
Miss DeLury, University.

Discussion.

Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.

Community Singing.—Mrs. Helen Davies Sherry.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. H. Coy, Grenfell H.M.C.

Greetings from Alberta.—Miss Isabel Noble, Daysland, Alta.

Reports of Committees; Discussion; Club Reports.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Dracas, Paynton H.M.C.

Home Nursing.—Miss M. Russell, Department of Education, Regina.

Domestic Help on the Farm.—Mrs. Jno. McNaughton, Harris, Sask., Pres. W.G.G.A.

Canada's Peace Task.—Rev. Hugh Dobson, Regina, Field Sec'y Social Service.

Thursday, 8.30 p.m.

Concert, Convocation Hall.

Friday, 9.30 a.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. H. C. Thierman, Webb H.M.C.

Address.—Mrs. Mary Mantle Napier, Regina.

Literature in the Home.—Mr. A. S. Rose, Normal School, Saskatoon.

Greetings from Manitoba Women's Institutes.—Mrs. R. Dayton, Virden, Man.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Poultry Selection.—Professor R. K. Baker, University.

Address: Miss Esther Thompson, Liberty, Sask.

Address: Dean Rutherford, University.

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Tuesday, June 22nd, 2 p.m.

Registration, Convocation Hall.

Presiding.—Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Davidson H.M.C.

Address of Welcome.—Dr. Sharrard, University.

Reply to Address of Welcome.—Mrs. Boyd, President Pense H.M.C.

Address: Mrs. W. F. Cameron, President of the Convention.

Secretary's Report.—Miss Esther Thompson.

Director's Report.—Miss DeLury.

Announcements.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Community Singing.—Mrs. Helen Davies Sherry, Saskatoon.

Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Rutherford, Wessels H.M.C., Govan.

Discussion and Reports.

Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.

Community Singing.—Mrs. Helen Davies Sherry.

Concert.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

Presiding.—Miss Walker, Hanley H.M.C.

Lecture: Nutrition and Child Welfare.—Miss DeLury.

Lecture: Care of Infants.—Mrs. Schiedel, Saskatoon.

Child Welfare Exhibits.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Martin, Cadillac H.M.C.

Work of Soldier Settlement Board.—Mrs. Jean Muldrew, Director Home Branch, S.S.B.

The Juvenile Court.—Miss McLachlan, Judge Juvenile Court, Regina.

The Nursing-Housekeeper Scheme.—Miss Campbell, Superintendent City Hospital, Saskatoon.

Reports of Executive Meetings of (1) Federation of Women's Institutes; (2) Provincial Council of Saskatchewan.—Miss DeLury.

Reports from Clubs.

Thursday, 8.30 p.m.

Community Singing.

Lecture.—Mr. Rose, Normal School.

Friday, 9.30 a.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Jamieson, Wrexford H.M.C., Nokomis.

Greetings from Alberta.—Miss Noble, President of Alberta Women's Institutes.

How We Can Be Helpful to Our Non-English Neighbors.—Mrs. Bychintsky, Canora.

Reports of Committees and Discussion: Reports from Clubs.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Presiding.—Mrs. Rodgers, Quill Lake H.M.C.

Discussion from Morning Continued.

Community Work.—Miss Esther Thompson, Extension Department, University of Saskatchewan.

Address.—Dean Rutherford, University.

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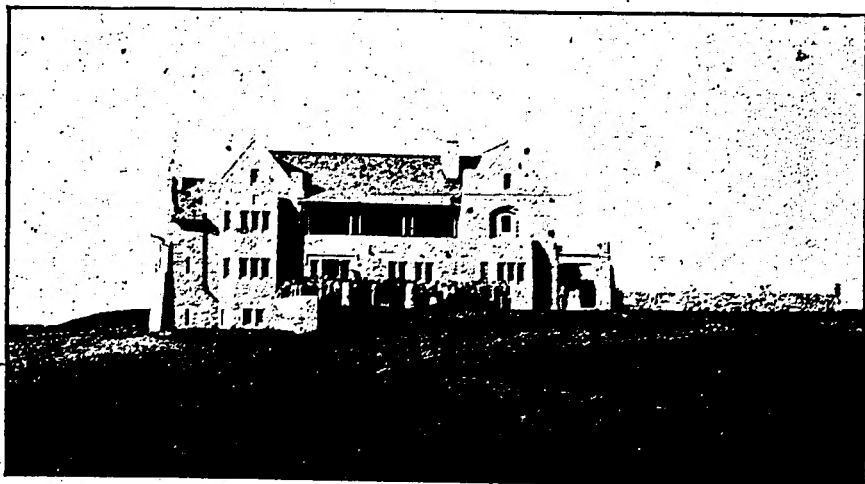
Canon Frederick George Scott, of Quebec, speaking in the city this week, urged the importance of good homes as an influence on the life of the younger generation. Canon Scott is a poet, and, like all poets, is able to penetrate to the truth at the heart of things without any tedious process of reasoning. The home is undoubtedly the high mark we should aim at in the business of reconstruction, and every force that works to this end should be encouraged. A Western organization doing excellent work in this way is the society of Homemakers' Clubs of Saskatchewan, now in its tenth year of endeavor.—Miss A. DeLury, the director of these clubs, writes in the Regina Public Service Monthly an interesting account of the work, extracts from which appear in an adjoining column.—*The Mail and Empire, Toronto.*

Gold and iron are good,
To buy iron and gold;
All earth's fleece and food
For their like are sold.
Hinted Merlin wise,
Proved Napoleon great,
Nor kind nor coinage buys
Aught above its rate.
Fear, Craft, and Avarice
Cannot rear a State.
Out of dust to build
What is more than dust—
Walls Amphion piled
Phoebus stablish must.
When the muses nine
When the Virtues meet,
Find to their design
An Atlantic seat,
By green orchard boughs
Fended from the heat,
Where the statesman ploughs
Furrow for the wheat—
When the Church is social worth,
When the state-house is the hearth,
Then the perfect State is come,
The republican at home.

Emerson.



The pictures here presented, illustrate the evolution of a Prairie Home. In the first picture there is shown the first and second homes. The first, a prairie schooner, which was the owner's only home for two years. To the right of it is the sod shack which served for two or three years longer, until the permanent home (shown in the second picture) reared its head.



Homemakers at President Murray's Residence

RESOLUTION RE INSPECTION OF CATTLE

WHEREAS, we realize that in view of the very large number of dairy cows now necessary to supply the requirements of the Canadian people, it is impossible to have all such cattle subjected to the tuberculin test at any early date,

AND WHEREAS, due to the known prevalence of tuberculosis amongst dairy cattle, it is most important that all persons who are obliged to use raw milk should have only the milk of cows which have been tested and are known to be free from tuberculosis:

AND WHEREAS, in many instances the owners of grade herds are quite as desirous of eradicating tuberculosis from their cattle as are the owners of pure bred herds,

AND WHEREAS, such owners of grade herds are, generally speaking, less able to bear the expense involved in the testing of their cattle than are the owners of pure bred herds,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we hereby petition the Government of Canada through the Department of the Veterinary Director-General to make available the services of the officers of the Dominion Health of Animals Branch for the testing of grade herds without charge on the same basis as such services are now granted to the owners of pure bred herds under the Accredited Herd System.

HOMEMAKERS' CLUBS OF SASKATCHEWAN